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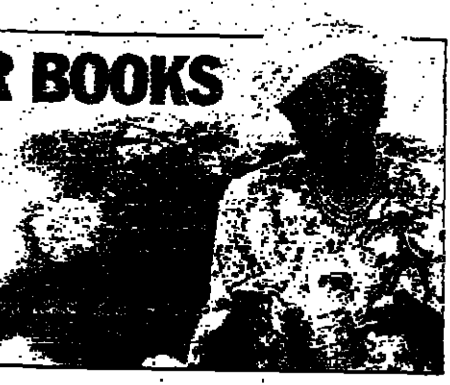

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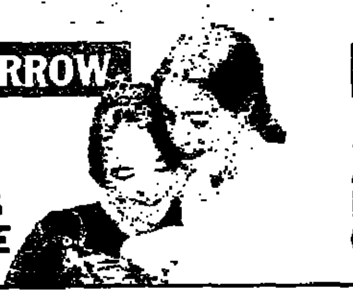

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Tory widow called in to comfort 'suicidal' Labour MP

Wareing: accusations drove him to despair

By Andrew Pierce
Political Correspondent

THE widow of a Conservative MP who killed himself has come to the aid of a Labour MP who was so upset by his suspension from the party that he described himself as being suicidal.

Robert Wareing, the MP for Liverpool West Derby since 1983, was so distraught by the way he was treated that he sent a handwritten note to Nick Brown, the Chief Whip, seeking an urgent meeting the same day because he felt "suicidal". Salt was rubbed into the wound when a junior whip told him he was suspended. The veteran Labour MP was driven to despair after the party leadership, when it disciplined him, accused him of having covert links with a front organisation for the Bosnian Serbs.

A Commons investigation later rejected the charge and the owner of the company at the centre of the investigation is taking legal action against Mr Brown.

Mr Brown, who investigated the suicide of the Paisley South MP Gordon McMaster, has not replied *to Mr Wareing after* two months. But Friends of Mr Wareing were so concerned by his mental state that they contacted Janet Heddle, widow of the Mid-Staffordshire Tory MP who killed himself in 1989. The following day, Mr Wareing had dinner with Mrs Heddle, whom he had never met, and a mutal friend at a west London restaurant. Mrs Heddle then arranged for Mr Wareing, 66, a widower, to spend a *week at the country home of friends.*

A friend of Mr Wareing's said last night: "They effectively arranged a *safe house. It was the intervention of* friends, who knew John Heddle's widow, which brought Bob to his senses. He felt shattered, but was able to talk it through with her."

Mr Wareing, who was advised on the day he was disciplined to leave Westminster and to say nothing to the press, declined to comment to *The Times.* But he later issued a statement saying: "This is a personal matter but, yes, it is true that I *sent the Government Chief Whip* a note asking to see him. In that note I also said I felt suicidal following a *range of scurrilous allegations* which had been made

"All of which, bar one, the failure to register a shareholding, were rejected as untrue by Sir Gordon Downey (the Parliamentary commissioner for standards)." Asked about Mrs Heddle, he said: "It is personal, but she was enormously kind and supportive."

John Rowland, a friend of Mr Wareing from his primary schooldays in Liverpool, said: "When I heard about Gordon McMaster's death I thought: that could have been Bob. He was suicidal. In a 60-year friendship I have never known him at such a low *ebb. We were worried sick.*"

It has emerged that Zoran Tancic, the owner of Metta Trading, has *sent a solicitor's letter to Mr Brown* over the suggestion that the company could be a front organisation for the Bosnian Serb regime. A writ is expected. The committee's report said there was no evidence to support the theory.

The revelations about Mr Wareing come amid mounting concern among Labour MPs at the way the party handles disciplinary procedures.

Mr Wareing's suspension was enforced by the Labour Party after he admitting failing to disclose a *£6,000 payment from Metta Trading.* The Commons Standards and Privileges committee ruled that he *should have registered it. He will be* suspended from Parliament for one week when the Commons resumes in October. The Committee cleared Mr Wareing of the other allegations and said there was no attempt at tax avoidance.

Officers face court martial over expenses

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

UP TO six RAF officers are facing courts martial following an investigation by air force police into alleged expenses violations by airmen serving in Italy as part of the Bosnian *peacekeeping* operation.

The officers, mostly squadron leaders, the equivalent of major in the Army, will face charges next month when the six-month inquiry has been completed. A number of other officers are to be disciplined.

The courts martial of such senior men, would be unprecedented *in the RAF. If found* guilty, their promotion prospects could be seriously damaged, or they could even be discharged from the service.

RAF police were called in following the discovery that air force personnel serving tours of duty in support of Operation Resolute — the codename for Britain's contribution *to the air operation* over Bosnia-Herzegovina — were staying in expensive hotels in *Venice* for long weekends and charging the bills to the Ministry of Defence.

There were also allegations that some of the RAF men may have hired cars for their trips. The total claims under investigation were reported to be £350,000 although this was not confirmed by the MoD.

The RAF men had all been summoned to attend intelligence briefings at Nato's Fifth Tactical Air Force headquarters in Vicenza in northern Italy which generally lasted only half a day. However, instead of returning immediately to their operational base *at Gioia del Colle in southern* Italy, it was alleged they *stayed* for a further two or three days in £80-a-night four star hotels in Venice and Florence, and included the bills on their expenses.

The alleged fraudulent claims were made over a period of two years when the RAF was playing a crucial role *in monitoring the no-fly zone* over Bosnia and providing close air support to the peacekeeping troops. RAF Tornados and Jaguars were involved in the operation.

In 1994 when the alleged fraudulent claims were first made, the RAF combat aircraft and crews were operating in support of the then United Nations-led peacekeeping mission. Now, after an investigation which has *involved the questioning of* more than 50 officers, the RAF police are in a position to recommend formal charges against the senior officers who are understood to have held supervisory posts and were responsible for signing the expenses claims.

The officers who are now facing courts martial were also based at *Gioia del Colle.*

When the investigation was originally confirmed by the MoD in March this year, there were allegations that senior RAF officers had been sanctioning the extra hotel nights for some time.

Detectives from the RAF's *Provost and Security Services* were called in by air force accountants who suspected *that hundreds* of personnel had wrongly claimed their expenses. Although RAF personnel are still serving in Italy as part of the now Nato-led Bosnian peacekeeping operation, the procedures for expenses [illegible] investigation has taken [illegible] *time* because the RAF [illegible] *had* difficulty [illegible] whether the [illegible] claiming the extra h[illegible] *had* done so [illegible] that *they* [illegible] hotel nights [illegible] the accepted [illegible] were [illegible] though [illegible] *to* [illegible] rules or [illegible] they were [illegible] make the claims. [illegible] under the rules, serv[illegible] expected to pay for [illegible] time off.

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They were expected to travel to Vicenzia on a regular basis to be fully briefed by senior Nato intelligence officers and to meet their counterparts from America, Italy, France and The Netherlands. A *spokesman for the MoD said* investigations were expected to be completed next month.

Raoul Dixon

Danny May is worrying players who fear the embarrassment of losing to a child

Danny, 11, bowls over tradition

By David Rhys Jones

THE image of crown bowls as the preserve of our more senior sportsmen is about to be challenged by an 11-year-old boy who has become the scourge of England's greens.

Danny May from Carlisle has signed up with the Professional Bowls Association (PBA) and hopes to compete in one of the sport's most prestigious televised tournaments — the International Open at Preston in October. The sport's *authorities cannot* remember a younger competitor but opinion is divided about this intrusion of youth.

Fred Inch, deputy secretary of the English Bowling Association, said: "There is no age limit...and the more youngsters we attract must be good for the future of the sport."

But another senior figure in *the sport who will be competing* in the tournament was not so charitable, saying: "Can you imagine the embarrassment of being beaten on television by a child. He will have to be stopped."

Danny says he does not *intend to devote his life to* bowls. His ambition is to become world champion by the time he is 22 — and so be the youngest ever — then retire at 30 and apply his energies to the more lucrative golf circuit.

His father, David, who introduced him to the sport two years ago, insists that it is not a stunt. "Danny is a gifted *athlete who is good at anything* that involves a ball, and is deadly serious about his bowls. He has a natural delivery and an incredible understanding of tactics." He still, however, has time for the Spice Girls, designer clothes *and fast food.*

Danny won the Cumbria Under-18 singles title this month and reached the final of the Under-25 competition.

British troops seize Bosnian police stations

From Tom Walker in Banja Luka

HUNDREDS of British troops foiled a possible coup in Bosnia yesterday by taking control of all police stations in Banja Luka and seizing three lorryloads of weapons.

The unprecented Nato action was sanctioned after emergency talks between Biljana Plavsic, the Republika *Srpska president, and international* negotiators who agreed that the security situation in the town had deteriorated to such an extent that foreign intervention was unavoidable.

Diplomatic sources said that the 2,500 small arms discovered in the dawn raids could have been used in a coup attempt by Dragan Kijac, the Interior Minister loyal to Radovan Karadzic dismissed by Mrs Plavsic last month.

One of the diplomats watching the operation said of the arsenal: "It was staggering. There were piles waist high of rifles stretching the length of corridors, grenades, mines, booby traps, ball bearings, brand new rifles still in their packing cases."

In all, 350 Nato Stabilisation Force (Sfor) troops — mostly *British with Czech support* — were involved in the raids to evict several hundred Bosnian Serb police from five stations. Tanks and armoured personnel carriers surrounded each station while Apache helicopters guarded approaches to the town.

By midday the scene at the central station — believed to be the nerve centre of Dr *Karadzic's secret police* — was chaotic as UN international police helped to install Mrs Plavsic's new commanders and Dr Karadzic's loyalists were led away.

Shortly afterwards Mrs Plavsic entered the building she had described the previous evening as "the centre of evil which we must destroy".

The operation encountered little resistance and Pale dismissed the weapons find as "a *few hunting rifles*". *But the* Karadzic cabinet described her as a quisling and issued a statement saying: "These events can be considered a state coup. It is obvious that what is at work is an attempt at foreign occupation with the help of domestic collaborators."

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Windfall winners go on a spending spree

By George Sivell

HIGH STREET sales rose by *6.5 per cent in the year to the* end of July, the fastest rate since mid-1988.

The rise — fuelled by windfalls from building societies converting to banks — brought fears in the City of interest rate rises, in spite of *the 7 per cent cap on base rates* imposed by the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee recently.

Both the Treasury and Geoffrey Robinson, the Paymaster General, sought to play down the spending boom, saying that it would not fuel inflation. Mr Robinson said: "If there were to be a sustained boom over a long period of time — many, many months more than we were anticipating — then of course we would review the situation."

The Office for National Statistics estimates that if windfall spending from building society handouts were removed from the calculation, the quarterly rise would be a more normal 1.4 per cent.

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"And there goes, um ...well, er... it begins with an L and ends in E"

BAT races into £250m Formula One row

By Caroline Merrell

BRITAIN'S biggest cigarette maker, British American Tobacco, is planning to spend up to £250 million on buying a Formula One motor racing team. The idea is to get round the Government's proposed ban on *tobacco sponsorship of* sport by becoming the owner rather than sponsor.

The group, whose brands include Lucky Strike, said yesterday that it could either start up its own team from scratch or it could enter a joint venture with another team. It was not yet ready to *announce details. A spokesman said:* "We do not want to fuel speculation."

BAT is keen to promote Lucky Strike, one of the biggest selling brands in the *Third World. A team carrying the Lucky* Strike name could escape the sponsorship ban imposed in this country.

Three leading Formula One teams — Williams, McLaren and Jordan — receive *more than £40 million* a year from cigarette sponsorship. But because of restrictions on cigarette advertising, particularly in France, the cars *do not* carry the brand names when competing in many European grand prix. At Silverstone this year, for instance, the Williams car raced in the colours of Rothmans, its *£15 million-a-year sponsor,* with a large question mark on the side of the car.

BAT's foray into Formula One comes as Chris Smith, the Sport Secretary, begins *to draw up plans to implement* a ban on tobacco sponsorship and advertising. His department said that the Government did not intend to dilute its proposals: a draft Bill is expected before the end of the year. Mr Smith believes that Formula One and other sports that rely heavily on tobacco sponsorship could be attractive to other *commercial sponsors.*

BAT said of its plan for Formula One racing: "It is a matter of principle. We think that sports should be able to accept sponsorship from whoever they like. We do not think that tobacco sponsorship encourages smoking."

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Labour pledges to banish sleaze

Independent panel to vet candidates for Scottish parliament in wake of Paisley inquiry, reports **Shirley English**

LABOUR launched its devolution campaign yesterday with a pledge to banish sleaze from a future Scottish parliament by establishing an independent panel to vet the quality of candidates.

Donald Dewar, the Scottish Secretary, attempted to regain the confidence of the electorate in the wake of the suspension of the MP Tommy Graham with an assurance that only people of the highest quality and integrity would be acceptable to stand for Labour.

Answering the taunts of the "no" campaigners who have claimed that a parliament in Edinburgh dominated by Labour would be "Paisley writ large," Mr Dewar expressed his personal determination that good would come out of the troubles of recent weeks.

Concern has been growing that Labour's problems with in-fighting and alleged corruption in Renfrewshire and Paisley have derailed the campaign for a double yes vote in next month's referendum and given the Tory dominated "no" campaign a momentum it previously lacked.

But yesterday, with Mr Graham and four other Labour party figures suspended, and three constituency parties in Scotland under investigation, Mr Dewar said: "The bruising experience of the last few days has strengthened my personal resolve to ensure there is no hiding place in our party for those who fail to meet the highest of standards of integrity and conduct," he said.

The independent panel is expected to be made up of around 20 of Labour's elder statesmen and women, all individuals with no personal interest in becoming a member of the Scottish parliament. Possible recruits might include Baroness Smith, the wife of the late Labour leader John Smith, Baron Norman Hogg, former Labour MP and opposition Deputy Chief Whip, Baroness Ramsay, former foreign affairs advisor to John Smith, and Sir Gavin Laird, a well known Scottish union leader.

The panel, which the Scottish National Executive Committee agreed to establish last month, will be responsible for vetting applications and interviewing people for the 129-seat parliament elected by proportional representation, of which 73 will be constituency MPs (one more than at present) and 56 additional members.

Those who pass the test will be included on a national list of approved candidates. The constituency parties will then be able to make a selection on a first come first served basis. The prospective member will finally be chosen in a one member one vote local ballot.

Meanwhile it emerged yesterday that two letters which effectively killed off disciplinary action against Mr Graham two years ago are at the centre of the party's investigation into him. It is now thought that they may be forgeries.

They carried the signatures of Derek Foster, who was then the Chief Whip, and Don Dixon, his deputy. They both described Mr Graham, who has been accused of smearing the MP Gordon McMaster who committed suicide last month, as "conscientious and hard working". The letters were passed to a small team from the Scottish Labour Party headquarters which was conducting an investigation into allegations Mr Graham had "packed" Paisley Labour Party with his supporters in 1995.

Labour is investigating reports that the letters from Mr Foster and Mr Dixon, now Lord Dixon, might be forgeries. They both carried the same wording and the same grammatical errors.

Both Mr Foster and Lord Dixon were on holiday and not available for comment. Lord Dixon was named in Mr McMaster's suicide note.

Hospitals given breather to avoid panic cash cuts

By Nicholas Wood, Chief Political Correspondent

MEASURES to head off a crisis in the health service this winter by curbing lengthening waiting lists will be announced by ministers today. Health authorities will be given extra time to draw up detailed plans to spend the additional £1.2 billion earmarked for next year.

The Government believes that the longer preparation — about two months more than under the Tories — will ease pressure for panic hospital cuts and ward closures over the winter. Health chiefs will have the reassurance at an early stage of knowing how much extra cash is in the pipeline.

The decision will be announced today by Alan Milburn, the Minister for Health, as he announces figures showing that waiting lists have increased by 13 per cent in the past year, one of the biggest rises since the creation of the National Health Service 50 years ago. They will also reveal an increase in patients waiting more than 18 months for an operation, in breach of the Patient's Charter. Their numbers are up to about 400 in the 12 months to June this year.

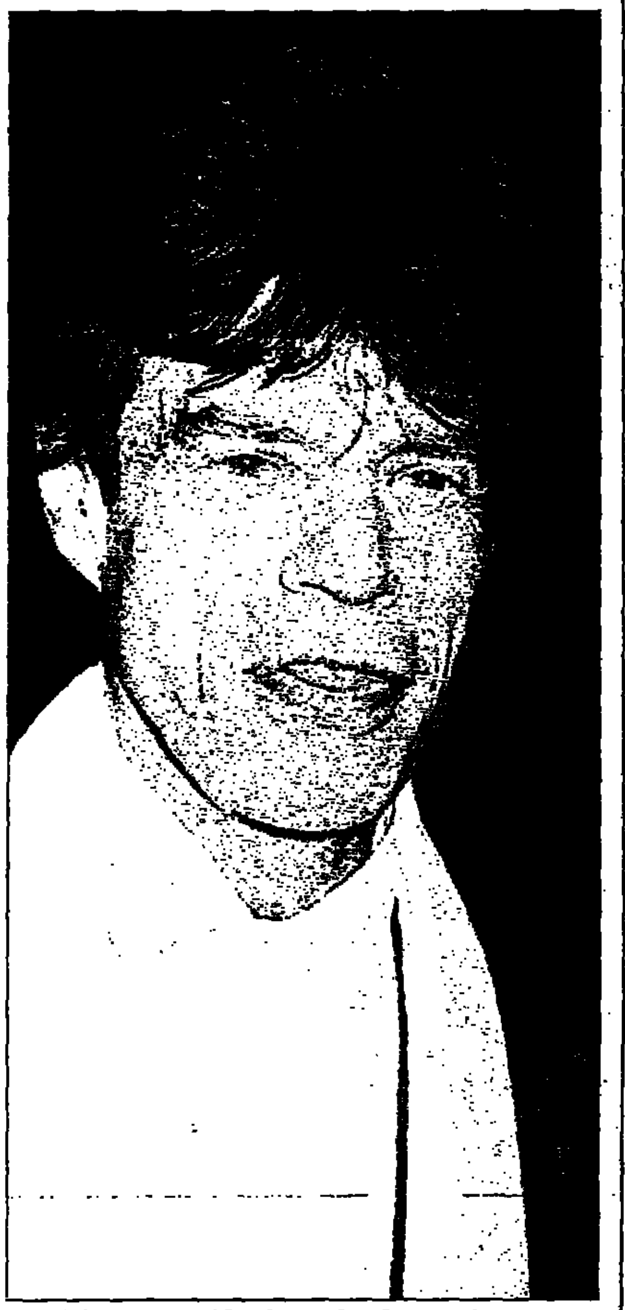
In an interview with *The Times* last night, Mr Milburn said that the decision to bring forward to late October the announcement of health authority allocations would bring much needed stability to the service and would reduce hospital waits.

"Health authorities will be in a position to plan local services over an 18-month period rather than over a 12-month period," he said. "One of the things that has bedevilled the NHS at local level has been financial uncertainty and instability."

But the Health Minister was careful not to raise expectations too high, saying that he expected waiting lists to go on rising from today's record 1.18 million people for some time to come.

He claimed that the Tories' mismanagement was responsible for the increase of 136,000 patients over the previous year. "Precious NHS resources have been squandered on bureaucracy and running the internal market."

The Tories and the Liberal Democrats claimed that Labour had broken one of its main election promises. John Maples, Shadow Health Secretary, said the Government was making things worse by reducing NHS efficiency. The Liberal Democrats called for more money now.



Mick Jagger: said to be perfect for Age Resource

Charity targets Mick Jagger, rock of ages

MICK JAGGER, 54, has been asked by Age Resource if he will become one of their patrons. The charity, sometimes described as the "youth wing" of Age Concern, says it is looking for "interesting, attractive, older people who haven't let age stop them" to become figureheads. Spokeswoman Sandie Huntington said: "It would be lovely to get him. Young people would say: 'Hey, this organisation has got Mick Jagger as its patron'."

Highways Agency to help curb cars

By Arthur Leathley

JOHN PRESCOTT is to give the Highways Agency a central role in an integrated transport policy that will encourage people to depend less on cars. The Deputy Prime Minister is calling today for an end to piecemeal transport planning in which roadbuilding is the "option of first resort".

The agency is to be restructured to take on a stronger "green transport" role through developing plans for road pricing and motorway tolls. It will also be pressed to curb unnecessary car use by encouraging car-sharing schemes and park-and-ride projects.

Mr Prescott will demand that the agency, set up by the Conservatives, works more closely with transport planners in developing a system in which roadbuilding is one of several solutions to the problem of traffic congestion.

A governmment document to be published today will set out a wide range of options for tackling traffic congestion.

Although ministers deny that they are "anti-car", they will make clear today that building roads on predictions of traffic growth is not the way forward. Mr Prescott has made clear that the Labour Govenment will be seen to have failed if it has not persuaded [illegible]rs to public [illegible] from [illegible] five years.

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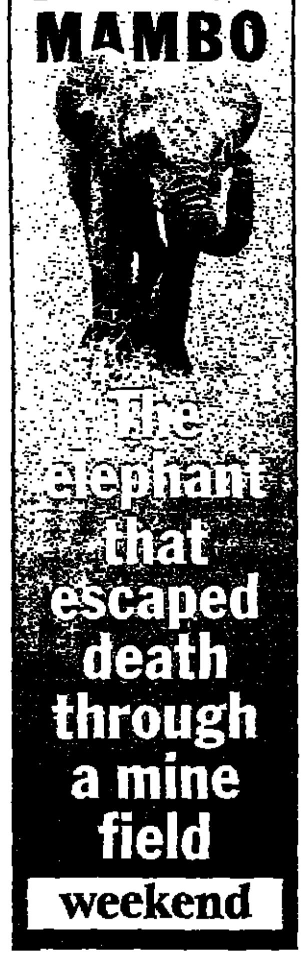

The elephant that escaped death through a mine field

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Hospital fined for poor safety

By Simon de Bruxelles

AN NHS trust was fined £4,000 yesterday for putting patients and staff at risk by failing to maintain adequate safety standards in a hospital's laboratories and mortuary.

The prosecution was the first brought by the Health and Safety Executive against a hospital that had not arisen from a specific accident or ill-health. The HSE inspection of Princess Margaret Hospital in Swindon disclosed a lack of policy and training for manual workers, inadequacies in the laboratory handling arrangements for dangerous micro-organisms, and poor ventilation in the mortuary.

Swindon magistrates were told that there was also no system to separate syringes and other clinical waste from ordinary waste and a lack of regular maintainance of electrical equipment.

Swindon and Marlborough Hospital Trust admitted a single charge of breaching health and safety rules. Afterwards the HSE said it was to inspect 40 other NHS trusts across the country.

BSkyB saviour joins Millennium project

By Nicholas Wood

THE Government has asked Sam Chisholm, the television chief who rescued BSkyB, to join the troubled Millennium Dome project.

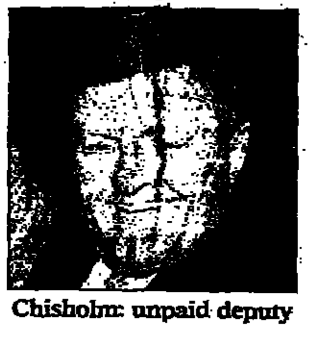
Ministers are expected to announce soon that Mr Chisholm, 57, who is leaving the satellite broadcaster at the end of the year, will take a senior post with the state-owned company responsible for the £750 million scheme.

Mr Chisholm, a New Zealander, will become deputy to Bob Ayling, the chief executive of British Airways, who chairs the ten-strong board of the New Millennium Experience Company. Both posts are unpaid.

His task will be to make a success of the Government's plans to use a combination of National Lottery and private and public money to stage a spectacular celebration of the year 2000. Mr Chisholm will chair an "executive committee" of board members to speed and streamline decision-making. One insider said: "Having a more hands-on executive committee of the board is very welcome."

Mr Chisholm is widely credited with transforming BSkyB, which is 40 per cent owned by News International, owner of *The Times*. On his arrival as chief executive in 1990, the company was losing £14 million a week. Last week, Mr Chisholm announced profits for BSkyB of £314 million.

☐ Clare Short, who in an interview with *CAFOD*, the magazine of the Catholic aid agency, described the Millennium Dome as a "silly temporary building" whose funding could be better used in fighting poverty, has withdrawn the remark.



Chisholm: unpaid deputy

NEWS IN BRIEF

No insurance cover for millennium 'bug'

Insurance companies have warned that they will not cover losses suffered from the "millennium timebomb" on the grounds that the problem does not qualify as an unforeseeable event. The Association of British Insurers said its members covered only "fortuitous events", leaving them free from liability arising from malfunctions in computers which fail to recognise dates in the new century.

The association has drafted an exclusion statement for policies which has already been adopted by Cornhill and other insurers. The year 2000 problem will affect computerised machines which add and subtract dates by using only the last two digits of the year. This will predominantly affect large companies with huge databases, but there are still a large number of computer programs which will be thrown into confusion when told that the year '99' is succeeded by the year '00'.

BBC death 'unlawful'

An inquest jury in Bristol returned a verdict of unlawful killing yesterday on a BBC lighting technician who fell 140ft while while filming *Casualty*. David Coles, 35, died when a hoist toppled over on soft ground beside a river in October 1995. At a hearing in May, magistrates fined the BBC £2,000 for failing to ensure his safety. Last night his family said they would be taking legal advice.

Toddler died from drugs

Detectives are investigating the case of two-year-old Liam Darcy, from Solihull, who died of a methadone overdose. Detective Inspector John Jones, of West Midlands police, said: "A number of persons have been arrested in connection with drug-related offences and are currently on police bail." An inquest was opened and adjourned yesterday.

Boy dies in hotel pool

A five-year-old boy has been found drowned in a hotel swimming pool in Newquay. After Joshua Curtis-Moore disappeared on Tuesday evening, the swimming pool area was checked, but he was not spotted, and it was locked. Two hours later, when a police sergeant and Joshua's father double-checked the pool, they found his body in the deep end. There were no suspicious circumstances.

Lake body progress

Detectives investigating the discovery last week of a woman's body at the bottom of Coniston Water believe they are close to naming the woman. Forensic experts are convinced that they have matched dental records to a reconstruction of the dead woman's jaw. Police have drawn up a shortlist from a file of up to 50 missing persons. A DNA sample has been extracted from the body.

Honeymooners robbed

A British honeymoon couple were held at gunpoint at a motel at Orlando, Florida, and robbed of their passports, cash and jewellery. Police said that three men and a woman had been arrested for the attack on Jon and Louise Wilson, of Morley, Leeds, last week and would face up to 12 charges of "tourist crime". Another Leeds family was robbed two hours later in a hotel near by.

Killers on lesser charges

Three men accused of killing the British pastor Michael Pollard as he was travelling through Hungary on an aid mission are expected to escape murder charges. Hungarian police said that the men, who gave written confessions, were likely to face charges of fatal injury, aggravated assault or aggravated robbery. Mr Pollard's widow, Jo, was badly injured in the attack on August 5.

Car thieves stab owner

A teenager was left with a knife buried up to the hilt in his neck for four hours after tackling two youths who tried to steal his car outside his home. Marc Silkstone, 18, of Halton, Leeds, was stabbed in the stomach and back then slashed across the arms. The thieves ran off leaving the hunting knife embedded in his neck. Last night he was in a stable condition in Leeds General Infirmary.

Nazi gold rush

Swiss banks have been overwhelmed by demand for details of Holocaust victims' accounts which have lain dormant since the Second World War. One month after the Swiss Bankers Association released the names of 1,872 account-holders, it has received 23,587 inquiries from potential beneficiaries. More than 10,000 requests came from Western Europe — mainly France, Germany and Austria.

Beetle's central heating

A powerful natural antifreeze has been isolated from a common beetle, which uses it to prevent its larvae freezing in cold weather. The antifreeze is 100 times more efficient than similar proteins used by fish, says Peter Davies, of Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario. The beetle, *Tenebrio molitor*, is best known as the source of mealworms — larvae used as food for pet birds and fish.

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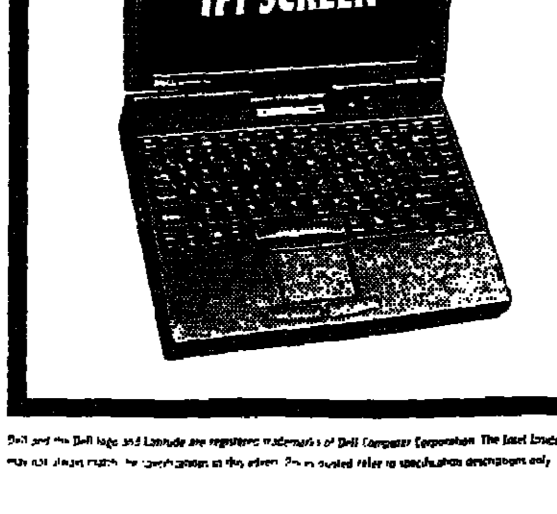

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The garden that kept on growing

It was a lawn unto itself. Now it must be cut down to size. **Kathryn Knight** reports on the case that puts an extra limit on country life

ONE man went to mow down his garden meadow yesterday under the orders of a court. David Williamson was quite proud of the head-high wild grass which had become a haven for hedgehogs and butterflies. Unfortunately, it was a kind of hell for some of his neighbours.

Mr Williamson's wild grass is all around his detached house in a quiet close appropriately named Meadow End. Other residents go in for more traditional gardening, with things like, say, lawnmowers, and some plants.

The legal ruling in their favour has now sparked a furious debate over the "natural" look versus the manicured look in the leafy lanes of Gotham village, Nottinghamshire.

Year after year, the residents of Meadow End have been tending their manicured lawns and flower beds, casting dark looks at the overgrown 60ft jungle at the end of the neat close.

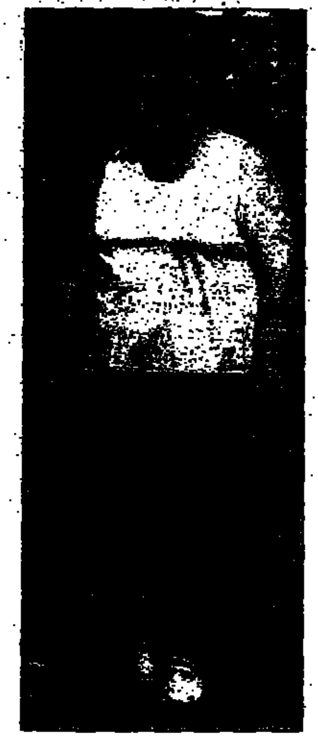
Mr Williamson, 54, and his wife Nadine moved into the picturesque road 15 years ago, adopting a different approach in their garden to their green-fingered neighbours, cultivating nothing but weeds and overgrown shrubbery.

At first, residents were prepared to tolerate them. But after the weeds at the end of the road approached head height, they complained to the local council. A council officer visited the house in June after repeated complaints.

Officials served an enforcement notice on the couple. The authority's development control committee voted to take action after a second visit last month discovered that the garden even more overgrown.

A spokesman said:"In the end, we then had no choice but to take legal action after they ignored a string of notices."

On Tuesday, Nottingham magistrates gave the Williamsons a 12-month conditional discharge — with £75 costs each — for failing to uphold the order.


Nadine Williamson: ordered to pay costs

The couple now have to clear up their garden patch, or they could face another appearance, this time for being in contempt of court.

"It's about time," said Tom Bellamy, who lives opposite them. "They get away with it every year. Everybody around here takes pride in their gardens, but his is an eyesore. He should burn it all off.

"I am fed up with what has gone on. Mr Williamson does not work — he has got plenty of time to sort his garden out," he said.

Another jubilant neighbour said: "It's an embarrassment when we have visitors round. People think we've got the Addams Family living at the end of the street.

"It's a bit of a running joke in the village. There are so many beautiful gardens here, yet we've also got one of the worst in the country."

But as he began the hefty task of hacking down his lawn to reasonable size yesterday, Mr Williamson said that he was fed up with everyone interfering.

He said he not neglected it out of laziness, but liked his garden as it was, and had the support of some neighbours who liked it as a haven for wildlife.

"We're fed up with the council interfering," he added. "I've already started to burn down the front, but there's a lot to do

"The thing I'm worried about now is the hedgehogs in the undergrowth. If I harm them, I'm worried that I will be reported for cruelty to animals."

Roy Gubbins, his next-door neighbour whose home directly overlooks the garden, said that he had always enjoyed his view.

"We get lots of different butterflies in that garden, and it's because they have a natural garden," he expalined.

"They're lovely people, and I can't see that they're doing any harm.

"It's not a free country any more. A man's home is his castle — he can do what he likes in it. I suppose that you could moan about the view, but it all depends what you like looking at."

Last night, Paul Cox, a solicitor for Rushcliffe Borough Council, said that the couple had admitted breaching an enforcement notice when they had appeared before the court.

"The authority serves enforcement notices on landowners a couple of times a year.

"Generally people comply and it goes no further. As far as I can recall, this is the first time that there has been a court action over a domestic garden."

The garden at Meadow End. One neighbour said: "People think we've got the Addams Family living at the end of the street"

Shaggy look is cutting edge of fashion

Horticultural experts tell **Michael Hornsby** of the merits of nature versus nurture

THE couple fined for allowing their garden to become a jungle of weeds may only have been carrying to extremes a trend for less formal landscaping.

Gareth Hughes, assistant producer of BBC2's *Gardeners' World*, said manicured lawns and highly structured flowerbeds were losing popularity. "There is a trend towards growing perennial plants in longish grass to give a natural meadow-like look. We are also seeing the rise of what you might call the shaggy border.

"The old idea was that you put small plants at the front, large ones in the middle and big bold ones at the back to create a tiered effect. Now people are allowing plants to sprout in all directions and even incorporating things, like opium poppies, that shed their seeds all over the place."

Stephen Anderton, gardening writer for *The Times*, said: "We are seeing a move towards the use of perennial plants in self-sustaining communities that require less maintenance. But just letting your garden fill with weeds is not quite the same."

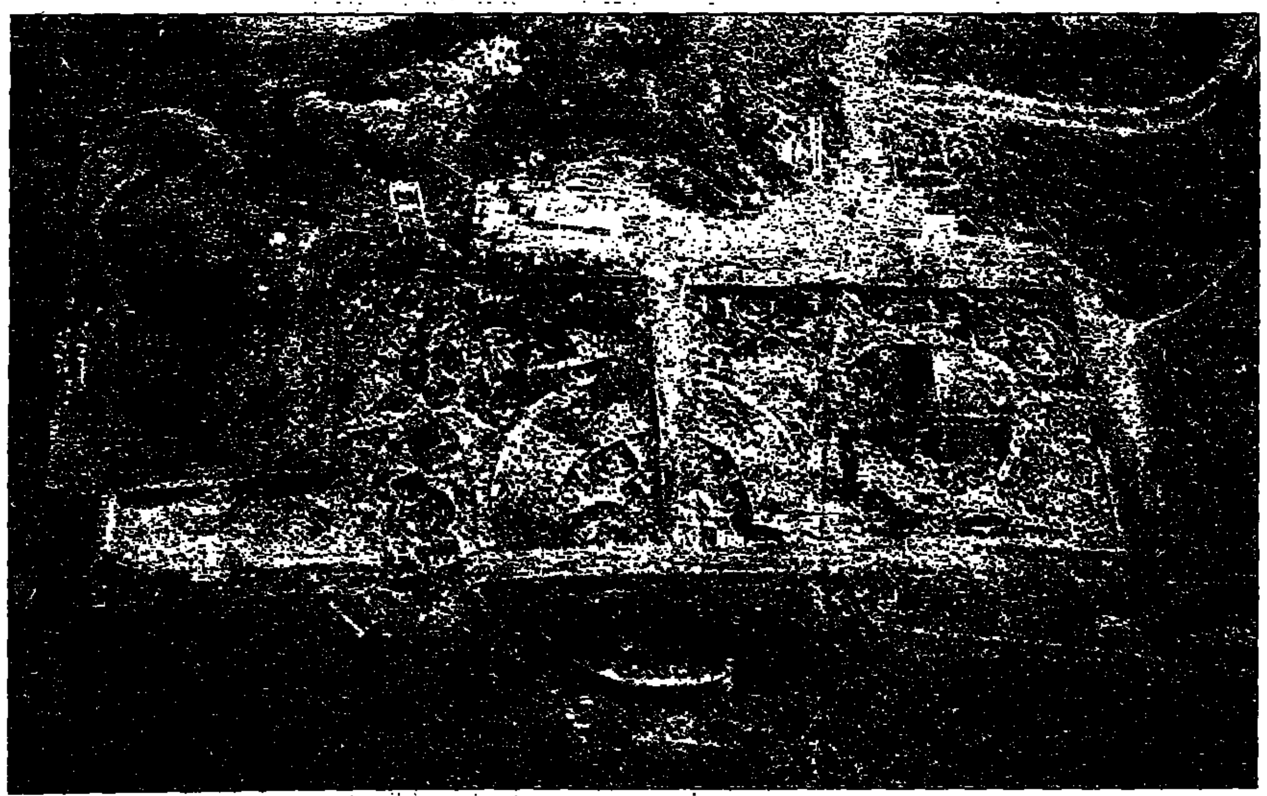
Suzanne Lucas's benign neglect of her half-acre garden at Mere, Wiltshire, has earned 13 gold medals from the Royal Horticultural Society. Miss Lucas has encouraged more than 200 varieties of toadstool by "never lifting a leaf, removing a rotten bough or disturbing the soil".

"I would not let dandelions or docks overrun neighbours' gardens, but there is certainly a lot to be said for a wild garden," said Miss Lucas, who is president of the Royal Society of Miniaturists.

The Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust said an overgrown garden could be excellent for wildlife. Richard Brown, conservation manager, said: "Rank grass is an extremely good shelter for insects, hedgehogs, frogs and toads, particularly at this time of year. Nettles are very good plants for butterflies.

"That does not mean that a more conventional garden cannot be a very valuable place for wildlife, too, if you plant the right flowers. There may have been a good reason why this couple were told to clean up their garden, but the action taken against them seems rather harsh. A formal garden is not necessarily the only desirable kind."

Lord Carrington, the former Foreign Secretary, and his wife have clipped yew hedges and immaculate lawns at their home near Princes Risborough, Buckinghamshire. Lady Carrington said: "I do not want to comment on this particular case, but I can understand that masses of thistles and weeds blowing into neighbours' gardens would not be very popular. We prefer the more manicured look: we do not go in for this present fashion of having a wild part of the garden."


The site at Scatness, Shetland, where an Iron Age village has been uncovered, including a very well-preserved house

Archaeologist drops in on 2,000-year-old house

A site worker in Shetland stumbled on an important discovery when he put his foot through an Iron Age roof, reports **Helen Johnstone**

AN ARCHAEOLOGIST discovered what is believed to be the most perfectly preserved Iron Age house ever found in Britain after inadvertently putting his foot through its 2,000-year-old roof.

Experts believe that the discovery of the entire building at the Old Scatness site, which is next to Shetland's main airport, could become among the biggest and most important excavations in Britain at the moment. Excitement over the find was last night tinged with frustration on how the work would proceed because of a lack of funding.

Work on the site at Sumburgh was almost finished for the season when the ground gave way under the weight of the site supervisor, Alan Braby, an Edinburgh-based freelance archaeologist. "His leg disappeared down a hole. He was lucky not to break it," said Val Turner, an archaeologist with Shetland Amenity Trust, which is partly funding the dig.

"We're gobsmacked, still pinching ourselves," she added. "The hole is more than two metres deep and appears to be a room in a house with a corbelled stone roof, probably dating from around the time of Christ."

Ms Turner said the discovery was believed to be the biggest since Jarlshof, a celebrated multi-layered archaeologicial site a mile away.

Mr Braby was equally enthusiastic. Nursing a bruised leg, the archaeologist, who has worked on digs all over Britain, said last night: "I have never worked on anything as exciting and interesting."

Steve Dockrill, from Bradford University and director of excavation said the "incredibly exciting" discovery had been made as archaeologists were cleaning up the site for photographs.

Other finds during the third season of excavations at Sumburgh include another Iron Age building, with yellow clay still plastered on the walls, and a wheelhouse with the remains of an iron pot containing the bones of an uneaten fish.

The area around Sumburgh Airport is surrounded by shifting sand dunes which have buried and preserved successive layers of human settlement.

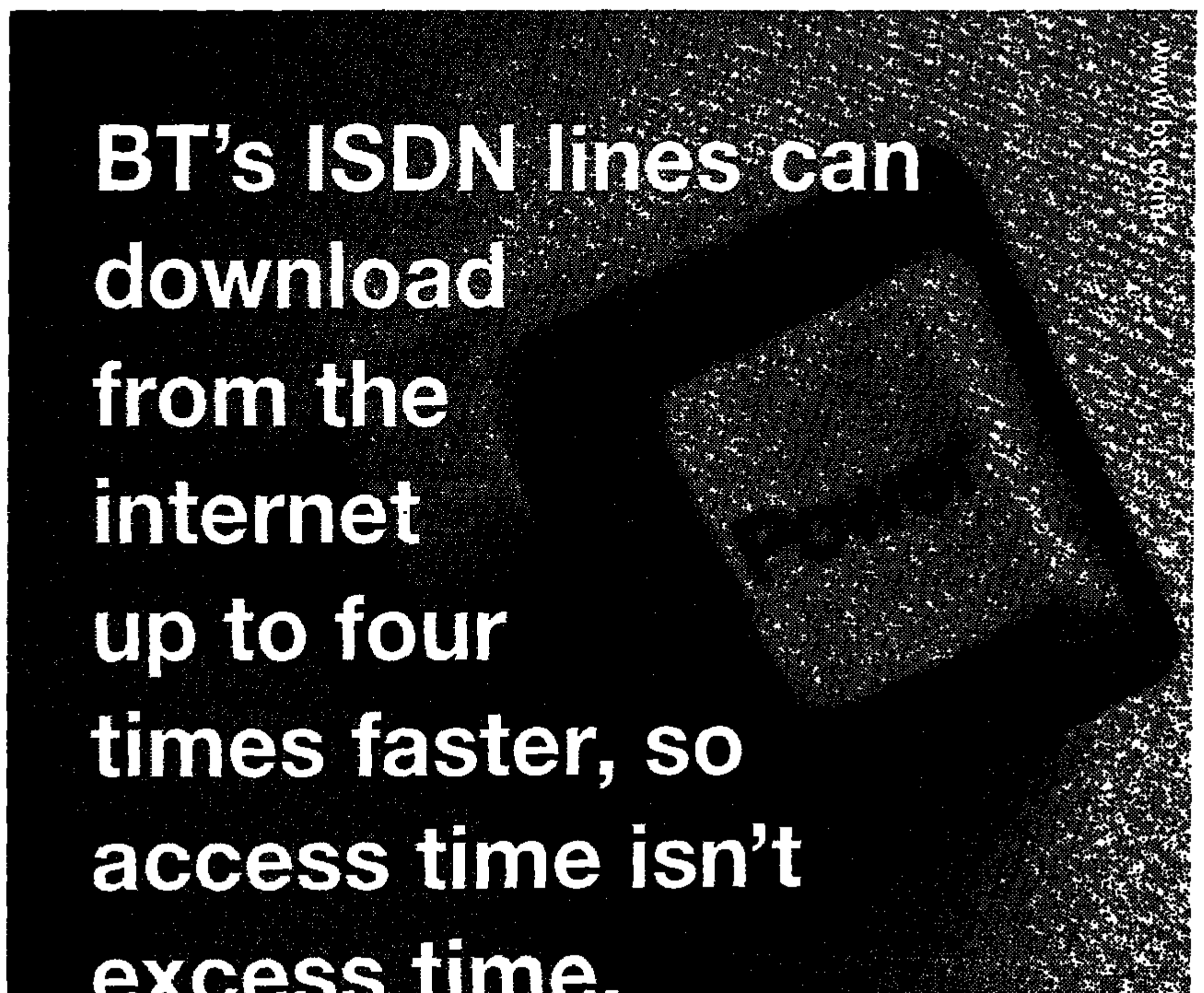
Ms Turner and a team of archaeologists from Bradford University are frustrated that money has now run out and they can only cover up their finds for the winter and hope to raise funds for a fourth season next year.

The dig, which attracted more than a thousand visitors this summer, has received funding from, among others, the European Union, Highlands and Islands Enterprise, Shetland Islands Council, and Bradford University.

Ms Turner said that £500,000 would be needed over three years to complete work on the site which, she says, houses an entire Iron Age village.

This winter, the archaeologist Julie Bond will be analysing the dozens of new finds from the site. The team reconstructed the hearth in what is thought to be the ruins of a smithy and proved that a peat fire could easily raise a temperature high enough to smelt bog iron. Ms Turner says that the clay on the walls, as well as keeping the elements out, may have had an aesthetic purpose.

Last night Ms Turner's husband said that she and her team were "out celebrating on a beach in Shetland".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Ceasefire allows Ulster its quietest month in years

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE IRA ceasefire, a month old yesterday, has given Northern Ireland probably its most peaceful four weeks since the present Troubles began 29 years ago.

Security sources said the IRA had almost completely shut its terrorist operations in advance of next month's peace talks, though there was still some violence from breakaway loyalist and republican paramilitary groups.

No one is counting on the ceasefire lasting, but for the moment Northern Ireland is unusually relaxed. Security measures have been eased, tourists are returning and optimism within the business community is sky-high. "This month has been delightful and very, very relaxed," said Sam Cushnahan, director of the non-sectarian group Families Against Intimidation and Terror (Fait).

To enhance the air of normality, the Government is actively considering the transfer of 18 republican prisoners from English to Irish jails, it was disclosed yesterday.

Security sources said that, in contrast to its last ceasefire, the IRA had sharply curtailed most other operations, including punishment beatings, kneecappings and surveillance. Stopping punishment attacks is considered a litmus test of Sinn Fein's commitment to peaceful methods. Only two republican punishment attacks have been recorded since July 20. During the previous 17-month ceasefire there were eight in the first month.

However, Fait said there was still intimidation, with the IRA giving several troublemakers 24 hours to leave the Province. The IRA also attempted to rob a Dublin bank last month. But security sources said that, on security grounds alone, Mo Mowlam, the Secretary of State, would have no reason to exclude Sinn Fein from the peace talks when she makes her formal decision next week.

The danger on the republican side comes from the Continuity Army Council, a tiny breakaway group that strongly opposes the ceasefire and planted a 1,000lb bomb outside an hotel in Fermanagh on July 31. "They've got the capacity to do very nasty things, but they're not threatening the ceasefire," a senior security source said. Loyalist paramilitaries have been more active, carrying out at least seven punishment attacks in the past month.

The only obviously sectarian killing since July 20 has been that of James Morgan, 16, a Catholic whose mutilated body was dumped in pit full of cattle carcasses near his home in Co Down.

Mud in your eye: the actor Dustin Hoffman smearing mud on the pop singer Sting at the Turkish resort of Dalyan Golu. *The men and their families are on a cruise of the Aegean. Sting, an environmental campaigner,* urged Turkey to keep coastal development in check to preserve the area's natural beauty

Rise in badger numbers worries farmers

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY
AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

FARMERS clashed with conservationists yesterday over a report showing a huge rise in the badger population over the past ten years. The finding has coincided with increased outbreaks of tuberculosis in cattle.

Wildlife campaigners hailed the rise in badger numbers as a victory for laws protecting the animals against persecution, but farmers said badgers were now out of control and should be culled in TB-infected areas.

Sir David Naish, the union's president, said: "In areas such as the South West, West Midlands and Wales, all the evidence points to diseased badgers infecting cattle with TB and causing farmers severe difficulties."

He added: "There is an urgent need for appropriate licences to be issued for the management of badgers where they are so abundant that they are leading to significant damage."

But Stephen Harris, of Bristol University's environmental sciences department, who wrote the report for the People's Trust for Endangered Species, said there was no proven link between the presence of badgers and TB in cattle.

"I do not think they need to be controlled," he said. "We are slowly starting to see the recovery of the badger from previous persecution and a return to the sort of species diversity generally that we should have. Badgers can give TB to cattle, but no one knows how. Killing badgers in huge numbers in the past has not been an effective way of eliminating the disease in cattle."

The report estimates that the total number of badgers has risen by 77 per cent, from 250,000 to more than 440,000, since 1988 when the last comparable survey was done, also by Professor Harris.

Last year 471 new outbreaks of TB were reported, two thirds of them in the South and West of England. Figures from the Ministry of Agriculture next month are expected to show a sharp rise this year.

Pope is asked to name Mary as co-redeemer

BY RICHARD OWEN AND MICHAEL HORSNELL

MANY of the eight million Roman Catholics in Britain and Ireland are supporting a worldwide appeal to the Pope to proclaim the Virgin Mary as a co-redeemer, placing her on a par with Jesus Christ.

A petition containing more than 40,000 signatures, organised in the United States, will be delivered to John Paul II at the Vatican by the end of the week — adding to the 4,340,000 signatures he has received in the past four years from 157 countries supporting the proposed dogma.

Fears are mounting among those who believe that proclaiming Mary as "co-redemptrix" or "mediatrix of all graces" would elevate her status beyond the honour accorded to her in many denominations and create a "Holy Quartet" in place of the Holy Trinity. Nicholas Coote, an assistant general secretary of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, said yesterday: "This makes me feel uneasy. All one can say is that there are certain parameters beyond which you may not go.

"One of these is what is taught by Vatican Council II, [comprising] all bishops under the Pope. They were very emphatic indeed, saying that the maternal office of Mary towards human beings in no way obscures or diminishes the unique mediation of Christ. In I Timothy, it says there is one God and one mediator between God and man and that is Jesus Christ."

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The Pope is a devotee of the Marian cult: he believes that she has saved his life on several occasions, most notably during the attempt on his life in St Peter's Square in May 1981.

He may be tempted to have Mary elevated to co-redeemer while he can, given that he is 77 and in poor health. But while he can try to push doctrine in a particular direction, major doctrinal changes have to be made "by the whole Church", which in effect would mean a third Vatican Council.

The Second Vatican Council of 1962-65, although under pressure from devotees of Mary — including the current Pope, who attended in his former rank of Cardinal Wojtyla — confined itself to a restrained section on her. Paul VI, who was then Pope, declared her only to be Mother of the Church.

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Foreigners face ban on bringing in their servants

Ministers are to act swiftly to curb cruelty towards domestic staff from abroad, reports **Richard Ford**

WEALTHY foreigners could be barred from bringing servants to Britain under proposals being studied by ministers to curb ill treatment and improve the working conditions of domestic staff.

The Government is to act after complaints that servants are kept in conditions close to slavery and have been subjected to abuse and cruelty by their employers. Most of the victims are women from the Philippines, India, Bangladesh and Africa who live with their employers in London.

Mike O'Brien, the Immigration Minister, promised to introduce measures soon to tackle the exploitation of up to 20,000 domestic workers in Britain. He said: "I am very concerned by repeated allegations of ill treatment of domestic workers allowed temporary entry into Britain to work for their foreign employer. Of course many of them are content but some of them have been subjected to ill treatment and a number of cases are quite appalling."

Measures being studied by Mr O'Brien and Home Office officials include withdrawing the 1980 concession that allows foreigners to bring their domestic servants with them.

Those who take advantage of the rule are often from Middle Eastern states who bring female Filipina, Indian and Nepalese domestic staff with them; and those from India, Bangladesh and African states who rely on their own nationals as servants.

There is also a growing number of British ex-patriates who bring their foreign servants with them when they return to the UK.

The Home Office is also looking at letting foreign domestic workers change employers within a restricted category, or to give them access to an airline ticket home.

But there is official concern that by allowing servants to leave their employers, it would become more difficult to keep control of the domestic staff in Britain. Campaigners argue that the present system encourages staff to leave their job, change their identity and take other work illegally.

Mr O'Brien said that some domestic workers who had been subject to physical abuse had found it difficult to leave their employer because their passports had been removed and they had no money.

He has held talks with Kalayaan, the campaign for justice for overseas domestic workers, about improving the conditions under which servants are employed and whether minimum terms of employment could be introduced.

A spokeswoman for Kalayaan said that domestic staff should be admitted as workers in their own right and not be tied to another individual. She said that they received many complaints from domestic servants about employers holding on to their passports, paying very low wages and making them work 18 hours a day, seven days a week.

"Some never get time off but cannot escape because they have no money or passport," she added.

A survey by the organisation last year found that 50 per cent of domestic servants slept on the floor, and 81 per cent were not paid regularly or received less than arranged. Others complained of being locked in the house when the employer went out.

Detainees go on protest rampage

By Richard Ford, Home Correspondent

FIFTY immigration detainees went on the rampage yesterday to protest at the removal of an inmate from a detention centre run by Group 4.

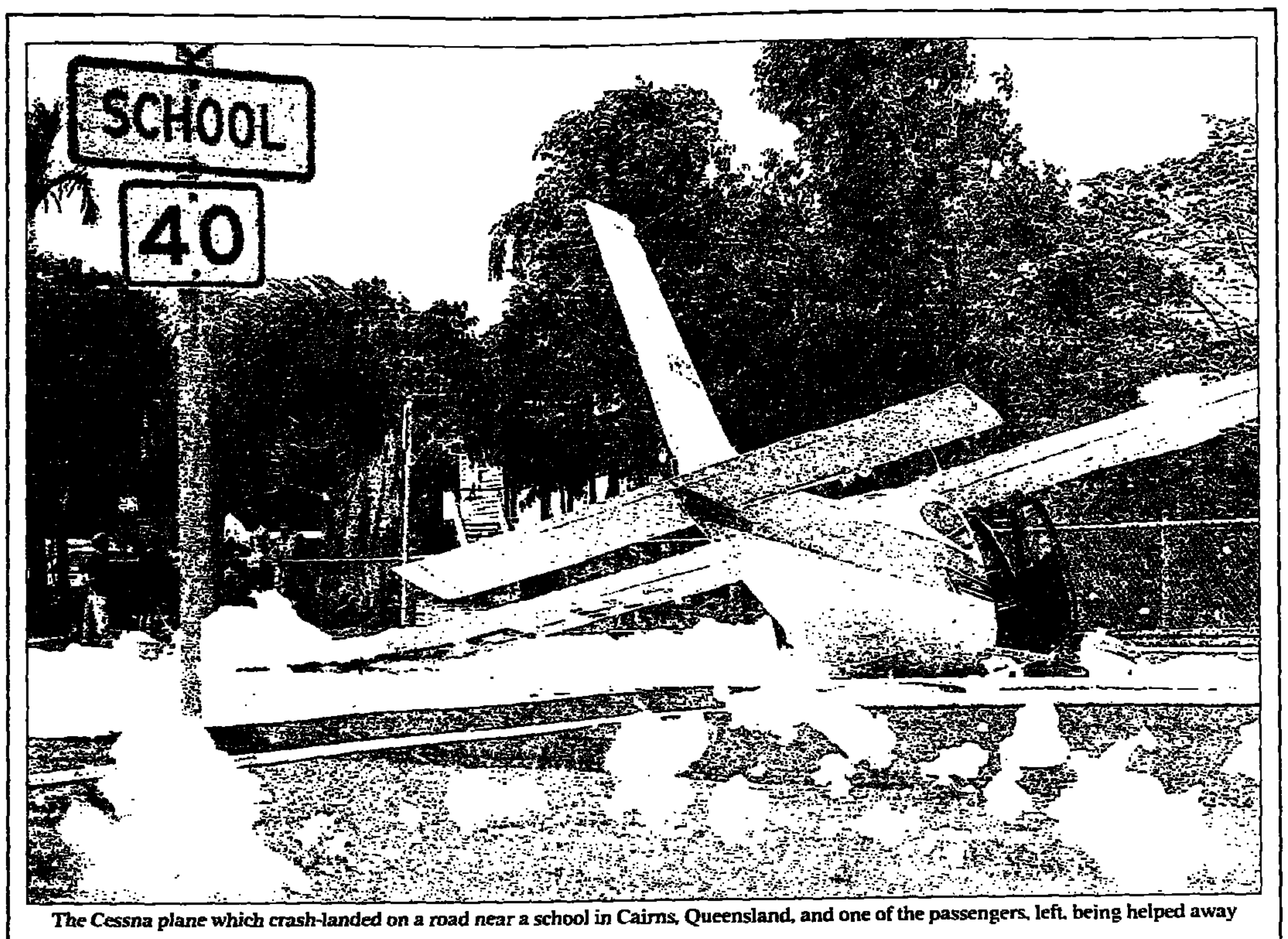
Fires were lit in the library block at the centre and furnishings in other areas were smashed during the disturbances, which broke out early in the morning.

One hundred Thames Valley police, including some in full-riot uniform, were moved to Campsfield House at Kidlington in Oxfordshire to ensure there was no mass break-out by the 184 detainees.

Police dogs and horses were stationed around the perimeter of the immigration detention centre as protests by a core of about 25 continued in the exercise yard throughout the day. A police helicopter was also used. Two Group 4 staff were injured during the disturbances, which took place three months after a rooftop protest at the centre.

Dr Evan Harris, the Liberal Democrat MP for the area, said last night that the detention centre was a "powder keg" waiting to explode. Keeping asylum-seekers and immigration detainees cooped up was a recipe for disaster. Dr Harris added that that something was very wrong with the way the centre was being run.

"The present situation with detainees being removed to cells in Winson Green jail, Birmingham, without notice and hordes of bored and depressed detainees milling around in centres without adequate access to help or advice is a recipe for disaster."



The Cessna plane which crash-landed on a road near a school in Cairns, Queensland, and one of the passengers, left, being helped away

Britons pulled from plane crash on road

By Michael Horsnell

A BRITISH couple escaped serious injury after the light aircraft in which they were flying crash-landed on a main road beside a school playground in Australia.

Lee Medway, 29, an RAF corporal, and his wife Leigh-Ann, 30, from St Athan in the Vale of Glamorgan, were pulled from the smoking wreckage of the Cessna 172 by the headmaster and walked away almost unscathed. They were the only passengers on the Reef Air Tours plane which was forced to land on the road in Cairns, Queensland, after developing engine trouble.

The pilot, David Manners, who scrambled out of the plane before collapsing against a fence, is being treated for head and back injuries but the couple were released from Cairns Base Hospital and allowed to return to their hotel.

A hospital spokesman said: "They are fine. It appears they were very lucky."

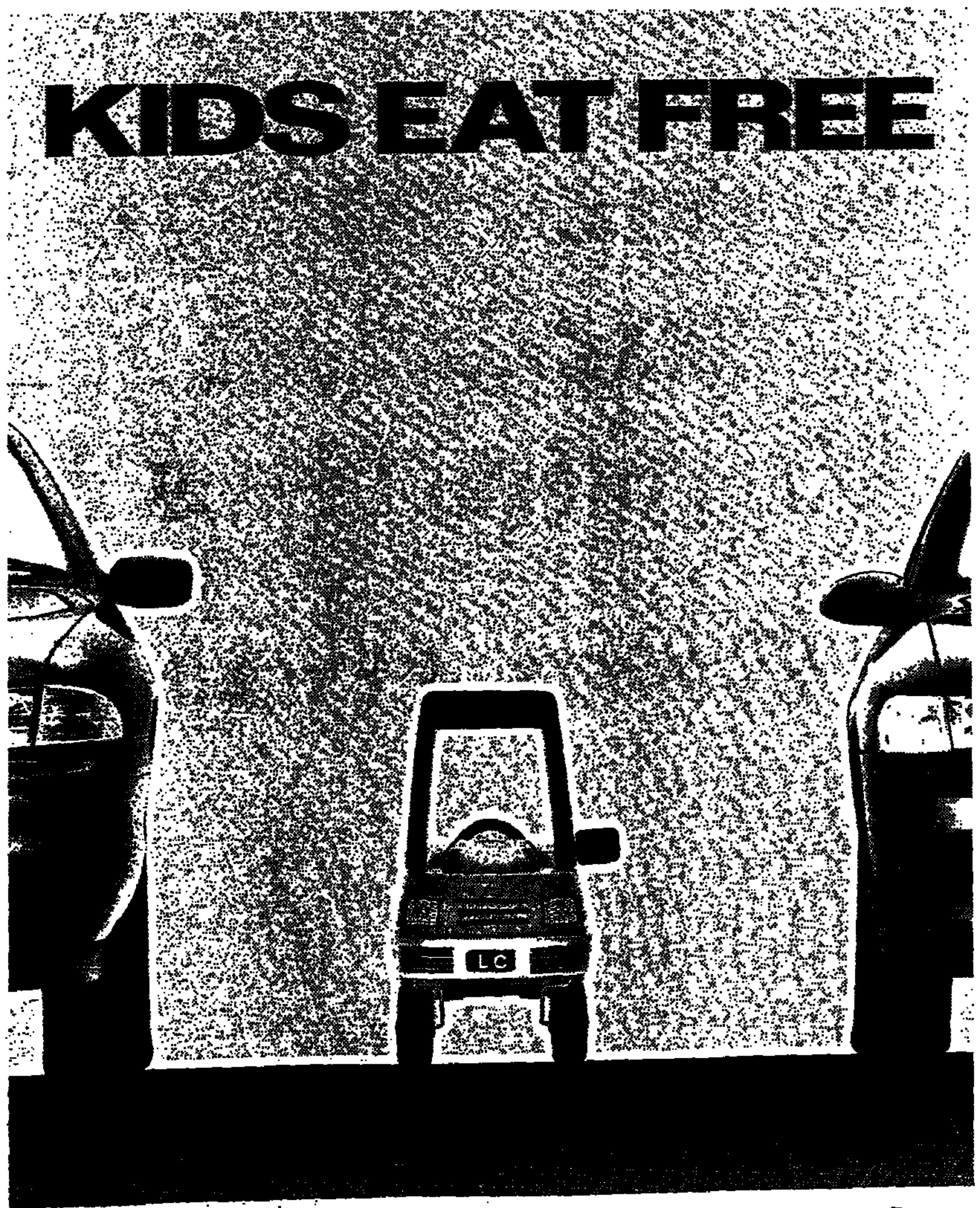
Mr Medway has served in the repair support squadron at RAF St Athan for seven years and the couple live in married quarters at the base. He was able to use his flying knowledge to give police a detailed description of what happened during the emergency shortly after take-off.

A police spokesman said: "They landed upright and collided with a street sign, then the plane spun around and stopped abruptly on the road. It was incredible no one was killed. The pilot steered the plane through power lines and dodged the school."

Rescuers shut off the aircraft's fuel system and disconnected electrical systems to make it safe. Fuel was leaking out of the port wing.

Police said the Civil Aviation Safety Authority had taken possession of the aircraft and the Bureau of Air Safety Investigation had launched an inquiry.

Mr and Mrs Medway were back at the Colonial Club Resort in Cairns last night, where a spokeswoman said that they did not wish to be disturbed.



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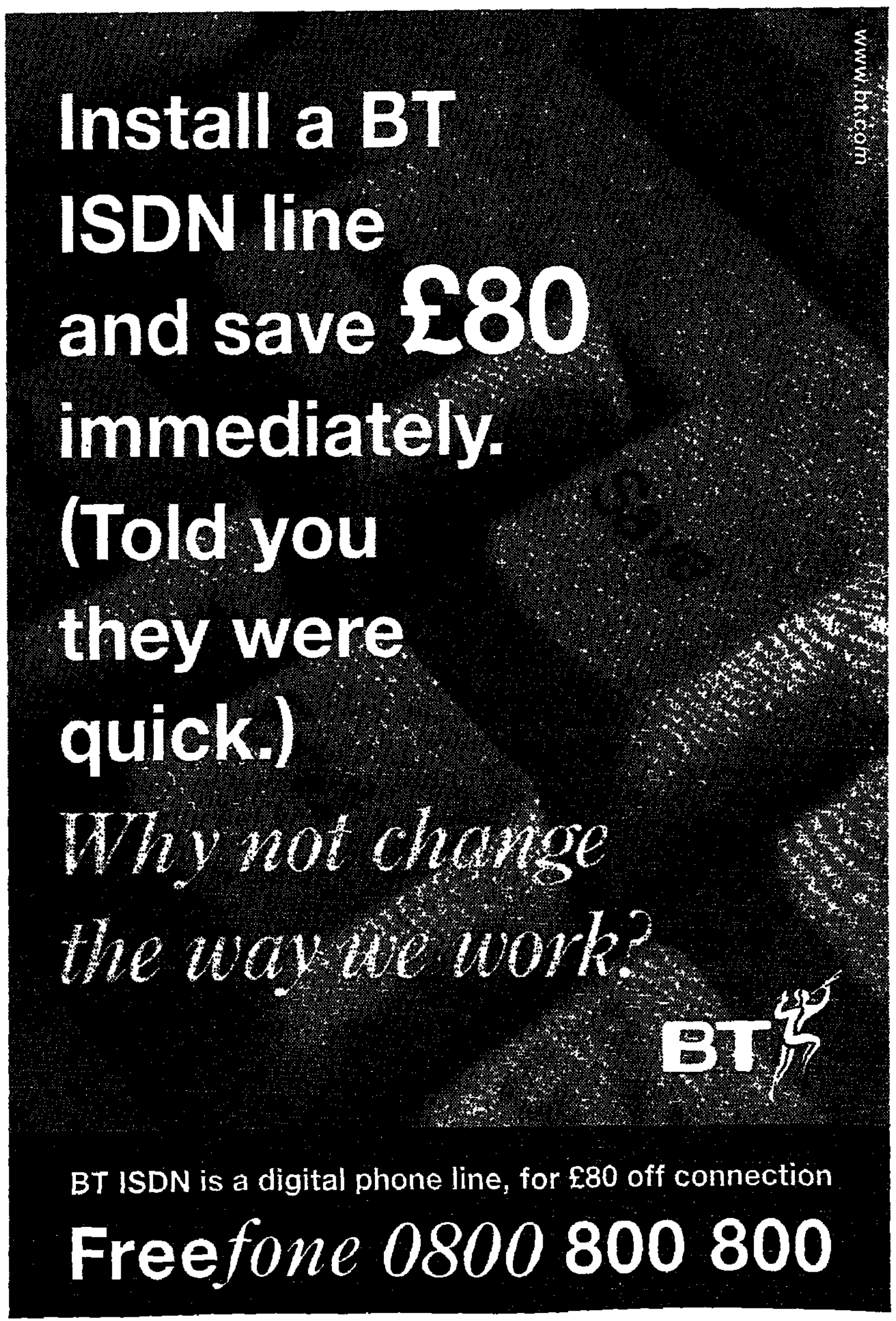

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GCSE results show pupils still have a long way to go

Education Minister says that the small rise is way off target for Britain's future success, report

John O'Leary and **David Charter**

THE second small rise in GCSE pass rates in three years left schools well adrift of the Government's qualifications targets yesterday, despite another set of record results.

Experts said the increase of less than half a percentage point in the proportion of papers reaching the equivalent of the old O level signalled the end of the grade inflation which undermined the examination's credibility in its early years. The pass rate for A* to C grades was 54.4 per cent.

The rise was the smallest since GCSE was introduced in 1988 with the exception of two years ago, when coursework limits were imposed. The top two grades showed even smaller rises, with 3.6 per cent of entries attracting the A*.

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Kim Howells, the Education and Employment Minister, said that candidates and their teachers should be proud of their achievements, but added: "We need many more of our young people achieving good results if we are to meet the very demanding standards we intend to set for national educational performance."

By 2000, ministers expect 85 per cent of 19-year-olds to have five high-grade GCSEs or their equivalent, compared with about 70 per cent this year. The Government will set a separate target for 16-year-olds in the autumn, which officials said would require "further significant improvements".

Dr Howells expressed particular concern about a decline in English, where the pass rate dropped for the second successive year and entries were also down. While the number of 16-year olds fell by 1.3 per cent, entries for English fell by more than 2 per cent.

Alan Smithers, the head of Brunel University's Centre for Education and Employment Research, said the GCSE pass rates appeared to have reached a plateau: "This is the sort of increase which carries credibility. Some of the previous swings were due to changes in the system."

Traditional subjects showed a slump in popularity, with fewer taking English, French, geography, history, mathematics, economics, chemistry, biology and physics.

In contrast, more than a million grades were awarded in the combined science paper for the first time. There had been hopes last year that single-science subjects were recovering, but subject experts said yesterday that decline was virtually guaranteed by a ruling that students at state schools must either take the combined course or all three subjects separately. Only independent school students can choose one or two.

Entries were down 2.3 per cent for chemistry and 3.3 per cent in physics. Aside from about 70,000 entries in single combined science, the total of a million grades for combined science reflects nearly 500,000 entries for the "double award" combined science course.

Caroline McGrath, of the Association for Science Education, said: "The vast majority of pupils are doing the double award. The A-to-C percentage reflects that the top ability range are doing the three separately."

Entries were up 15 per cent for computing, 9 per cent for physical education, 7.6 per cent for home economics and 4 per cent for drama.

Girl may sue over failure

Helen Anderson, left, is considering legal action against her college after claiming that she failed an A level because she was taught the wrong syllabus. Miss Anderson, 18, lost her preferred university place because of the N grade in business studies. Her classmate, Louise Marshall, right, managed a C grade because she had also studied accountancy. The syllabus blunder allegedly came to light three days before the examination, during revision at Washington Business College, near Sunderland. Miss Anderson, of Washington, said: "We put an awful lot of work into our studies for two years for nothing." Her mother, Carolynn, said: "We have consulted a solicitor and are considering legal action." The college said it had done everything it could to prepare its students for their examinations.

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		CUMULATIVE PERCENTAGE of candidates gaining grade or better							
Art and Design	221,543	5.5	18.6	36.5	62.1	80.1	91.5	97.3	99.6
	228,882	*4.6*	*16.9*	*34.3*	*59.2*	*77.9*	*90.4*	*96.9*	*99.5*
Business Studies	115,498	2.2	10.5	25.7	51.1	70.7	83.1	92.0	96.6
	114,648	*2.1*	*9.8*	*23.8*	*49.1*	*69.5*	*81.9*	*91.3*	*96.3*
Classical Civ	3,644	6.9	28.1	52.1	75.1	88.0	92.0	94.7	96.4
	3,447	*6.0*	*25.9*	*49.9*	*74.1*	*87.7*	*89.5*	*92.9*	*94.4*
Drama	85,500	3.5	19.5	45.4	69.6	84.5	93.6	97.9	99.6
	82,165	*3.7*	*20.7*	*47.9*	*72.5*	*87.0*	*94.8*	*98.4*	*99.6*
Economics	9,600	3.1	16.7	38.9	64.5	82.0	88.9	93.8	96.2
	11,127	*2.9*	*15.4*	*36.0*	*61.7*	*79.6*	*87.7*	*92.8*	*95.6*
English	649,559	2.0	10.7	29.5	56.0	78.0	90.4	97.2	99.5
	663,009	*2.0*	*11.0*	*30.3*	*56.8*	*78.6*	*90.5*	*97.2*	*99.5*
English Literature	492,678	2.8	13.7	35.5	62.2	80.7	91.7	97.6	99.4
	491,850	*2.7*	*13.9*	*36.2*	*63.2*	*81.1*	*92.1*	*97.8*	*99.5*
French	328,299	4.1	19.2	34.1	51.2	69.8	83.2	94.0	99.2
	345,590	*4.4*	*19.2*	*33.7*	*50.9*	*69.1*	*82.6*	*93.7*	*99.3*
Geography	290,201	3.9	16.4	34.9	56.1	71.9	85.1	94.1	98.4
	302,298	*4.0*	*15.6*	*33.5*	*53.7*	*70.9*	*84.5*	*93.7*	*98.2*
German	132,615	5.7	22.0	37.4	55.9	73.9	86.0	94.9	99.0
	133,177	*5.3*	*21.3*	*37.0*	*55.6*	*73.2*	*85.1*	*94.6*	*99.2*
Greek	947	50.7	76.9	88.4	96.0	99.0	99.4	99.4	99.5
	985	*48.0*	*72.6*	*87.0*	*94.2*	*97.5*	*97.9*	*98.0*	*98.0*
History	227,447	4.3	17.5	38.0	58.0	72.9	84.4	92.5	97.6
	232,011	*4.1*	*16.6*	*36.8*	*57.0*	*72.0*	*83.8*	*92.4*	*97.5*
Home Economics	104,863	1.8	9.6	24.5	44.1	64.9	82.5	93.3	98.2
	97,453	*1.5*	*8.7*	*23.4*	*43.2*	*64.0*	*81.8*	*93.2*	*98.1*
Humanities	35,562	2.2	9.6	23.2	42.1	61.6	78.9	91.2	97.9
	45,982	*2.3*	*10.6*	*26.4*	*44.1*	*61.7*	*77.4*	*90.5*	*98.4*
Computing	76,043	2.8	12.3	32.7	57.1	75.2	87.4	94.3	97.4
	66,134	*2.7*	*11.4*	*30.3*	*55.3*	*73.3*	*85.8*	*93.4*	*97.1*
Latin	11,673	26.8	59.2	79.8	91.4	96.5	97.4	97.8	98.0
	12,174	*21.1*	*54.6*	*77.0*	*89.8*	*96.0*	*96.9*	*97.4*	*97.8*
Mathematics	681,265	2.1	9.6	24.2	47.3	63.8	79.4	91.6	97.9
	688,330	*2.1*	*9.1*	*23.4*	*46.7*	*63.1*	*78.8*	*91.3*	*97.8*
Music	43,430	6.7	25.7	50.1	70.1	82.6	91.3	96.5	99.1
	42,122	*6.9*	*24.9*	*48.5*	*69.1*	*82.0*	*90.9*	*96.5*	*99.2*
Physical Education	87,106	4.4	13.5	28.6	47.5	72.6	88.6	96.7	99.3
	80,031	*3.9*	*12.7*	*27.7*	*46.5*	*70.6*	*87.7*	*96.2*	*99.2*
Religious Studies	118,545	4.9	17.0	35.7	56.7	71.8	83.4	91.9	97.2
	116,549	*4.4*	*16.4*	*35.2*	*55.9*	*70.6*	*82.7*	*91.6*	*96.9*
Science: Biology	47,743	10.6	35.0	65.1	84.5	92.9	97.3	99.0	99.2
	48,276	*10.5*	*33.5*	*63.8*	*83.4*	*92.5*	*97.2*	*99.0*	*99.2*
Science: Chemistry	45,797	13.7	35.6	64.9	86.8	94.2	97.7	99.0	99.2
	46,885	*11.5*	*34.2*	*63.6*	*86.0*	*94.0*	*97.5*	*99.0*	*99.2*
Science: Combined	1,007,640	3.5	10.4	28.0	48.4	70.2	86.4	95.5	98.3
	997,422	*3.1*	*10.2*	*27.8*	*48.2*	*69.8*	*86.1*	*95.4*	*98.4*
Science: Physics	44,892	13.6	36.2	65.7	86.2	93.8	97.6	99.1	99.2
	46,446	*13.3*	*35.3*	*66.5*	*85.3*	*92.9*	*97.0*	*98.8*	*99.0*
Social Science	4,397	1.1	5.6	18.8	38.3	59.5	75.1	88.1	95.1
	4,441	*0.7*	*4.4*	*15.0*	*36.9*	*57.6*	*72.6*	*85.8*	*93.8*
Spanish	43,826	8.4	29.4	44.9	59.3	73.1	83.3	93.9	99.2
	42,592	*7.7*	*28.3*	*43.4*	*58.4*	*74.0*	*84.4*	*94.1*	*99.0*
Technology	235,877	1.8	9.4	26.4	46.9	67.4	83.7	93.9	98.4
	247,821	*1.7*	*8.9*	*25.5*	*45.8*	*66.1*	*82.6*	*93.4*	*98.4*
Welsh 1st Lang	3,809	2.0	13.1	33.2	62.0	83.4	94.1	98.0	99.6
	3,844	*1.7*	*12.0*	*31.4*	*60.1*	*86.3*	*96.6*	*98.8*	*99.6*
Welsh 2nd Lang	7,438	10.8	27.0	40.7	59.8	76.4	88.1	95.4	98.5
	7,848	*10.6*	*26.4*	*41.5*	*59.2*	*75.0*	*86.7*	*94.6*	*98.4*
Welsh Literature	2,931	3.1	15.7	33.5	62.1	80.0	90.4	95.8	98.7
	2,940	*3.9*	*13.8*	*30.7*	*57.8*	*78.2*	*88.6*	*94.9*	*98.0*
Combined Subjects	31,011	1.1	8.0	26.0	49.6	69.7	85.1	94.9	99.0
	37,334	*0.9*	*6.9*	*23.6*	*46.1*	*66.5*	*83.0*	*93.5*	*98.5*
Other Mod Langs	29,934	17.8	47.3	64.0	76.4	87.1	93.3	97.7	99.6
	28,866	*16.1*	*46.4*	*62.8*	*75.6*	*85.8*	*93.0*	*97.7*	*99.7*
Other Sciences	22,484	2.9	10.7	26.1	49.5	70.4	84.8	90.6	93.0
	25,336	*2.8*	*10.8*	*26.7*	*50.0*	*69.6*	*83.9*	*89.7*	*92.0*
Other Soc Sciences	38,769	2.2	11.5	31.2	60.3	80.2	86.9	91.1	93.1
	41,559	*2.0*	*11.6*	*31.8*	*61.2*	*80.1*	*86.3*	*90.3*	*92.3*
Other Technology	22,862	2.4	11.5	25.1	44.0	62.0	79.0	91.2	97.5
	23,381	*2.9*	*12.3*	*26.6*	*44.6*	*64.4*	*81.6*	*92.7*	*98.2*
All Other Subjects	109,748	2.2	12.6	31.8	56.8	75.3	87.9	95.2	98.5
	112,917	*2.3*	*12.8*	*31.6*	*56.1*	*74.9*	*87.7*	*95.1*	*98.6*
All Subjects	5,415,176	3.6	14.0	32.1	54.4	73.1	86.5	94.9	98.5
	5,475,872	*3.4*	*13.7*	*31.7*	*54.0*	*72.6*	*86.0*	*94.7*	*98.5*

1996 results in italics

Short courses win fewer top grades

By David Charter

THE first results from short-course GCSEs, which cover half the content of a full GCSE, show that pupils struggled to achieve top grades.

Candidates recorded one third fewer passes at A* and at the old O-level threshold of C grade and above than those taking full GCSEs.

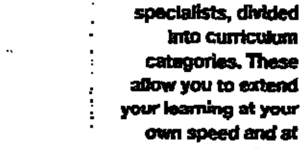
Short courses were introduced last year for three main reasons: to allow students to gain a qualification in subjects they are required to take until they leave school, such as PE and religious studies; to give them a year-long taste of an extra subject, such as Spanish or German; or to continue with a subject otherwise dropped at 14, such as geography or history.

The lower success rate may mean that students either took them less seriously than full GCSEs or treated them as an experiment with a certain subject. Just 30,683 short-course results were recorded this year and a far greater number is expected in 1998 as the qualification begins to catch on in schools. The qualification can be taken over one year or in half the weekly time over two years.

The A-to-G pass rate of 93.4 per cent compares with 98.5 per cent at the full GCSE. Just under 40 per cent of short courses were passed at A* to C, against 54.4 per cent for full GCSE, and the 2.4 per cent A*s on short courses was two thirds of the full course rate.

The most popular of the 12 "half-GCSE" subjects was religious education, taken by more than one third of this year's candidates, which had the second highest A*-to-C pass rate of 47.1 per cent.

Music had the highest rate for top grades, with 11.8 per cent of the 152 candidates recording an A*, and 64.5 per cent a grade C or above.



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Boy's death raises cliff-jumping fears

By Kathryn Knight

Peter Collins, left, has seen teenagers jumping at least 50ft at the spot where Neil Nicholson, right, died

A BOY has died after plunging from cliffs on to underwater rocks in what police fear is a new craze of cliff-jumping, in which teenagers urge each other to leap from great heights into the sea.

Coastal patrollers have reported seeing dozens of young boys jumping into the sea along the South Tyneside coast.

Neil Nicholson, 15, was found lying motionless in the water at the foot of cliffs at Frenchman's Bay, near South Shields, on Tuesday. A friend had dragged him from the water on to rocks and tried to save him, but Neil slipped back into the water while his friend tried to get help. He had been floating in the water for between ten and 15 minutes before firefighters and coastguards were able to reach him. He was pronounced dead on arrival at South Tyneside General Hospital.

Yesterday South Shields police said that he had suffered a head injury, but they were still trying to establish how he died. He was wearing a wetsuit, as was his friend. These are often worn by cliff-jumpers.

However, police said there was no evidence to suggest that Neil and his friend had been jumping into the water. Chief Inspector Glynn Williams, of South Shields police, said: "As far as we are aware the boy has lost his footing and suffered a heavy blow to the head on the way down. Everyone tried their best to rescue him, but the tide was high and this was in an awkward spot."

Station Officer Dave Hamilton, of South Shields Fire Brigade, said the boy's friend told crews they had been throwing stones into the water. He said: "He told me they had been climbing when his friend lost his balance and fell. He managed to scramble down to the water to his friend, but he already looked very bad. He then went to raise the alarm and get help."

Last night Neil's father, Norman, 42, said: "Neil was a typical teenage lad who liked to do things people of that age do. He was certainly not jumping off cliffs into the sea. He was climbing over a high rock when he lost his footing and slipped. But he was not 50ft up at the time. Neil was wearing a wetsuit because he had been bodysurfing.

"We are all devastated. His friend is very upset, too. I have been round to see him and he is in a terrible state. He did all he could to pull Neil out of the water."

Peter Collins, a National Trust warden in the area, said he had seen a number of teenagers plunging from the cliffs at Frenchman's Bay. He said the divers often seemed to be showing off to watching girls. "They may feel very macho, but they are extremely foolhardy because the water isn't very clear at the moment and they are in great danger of hurtling into rocks lurking under the surface."

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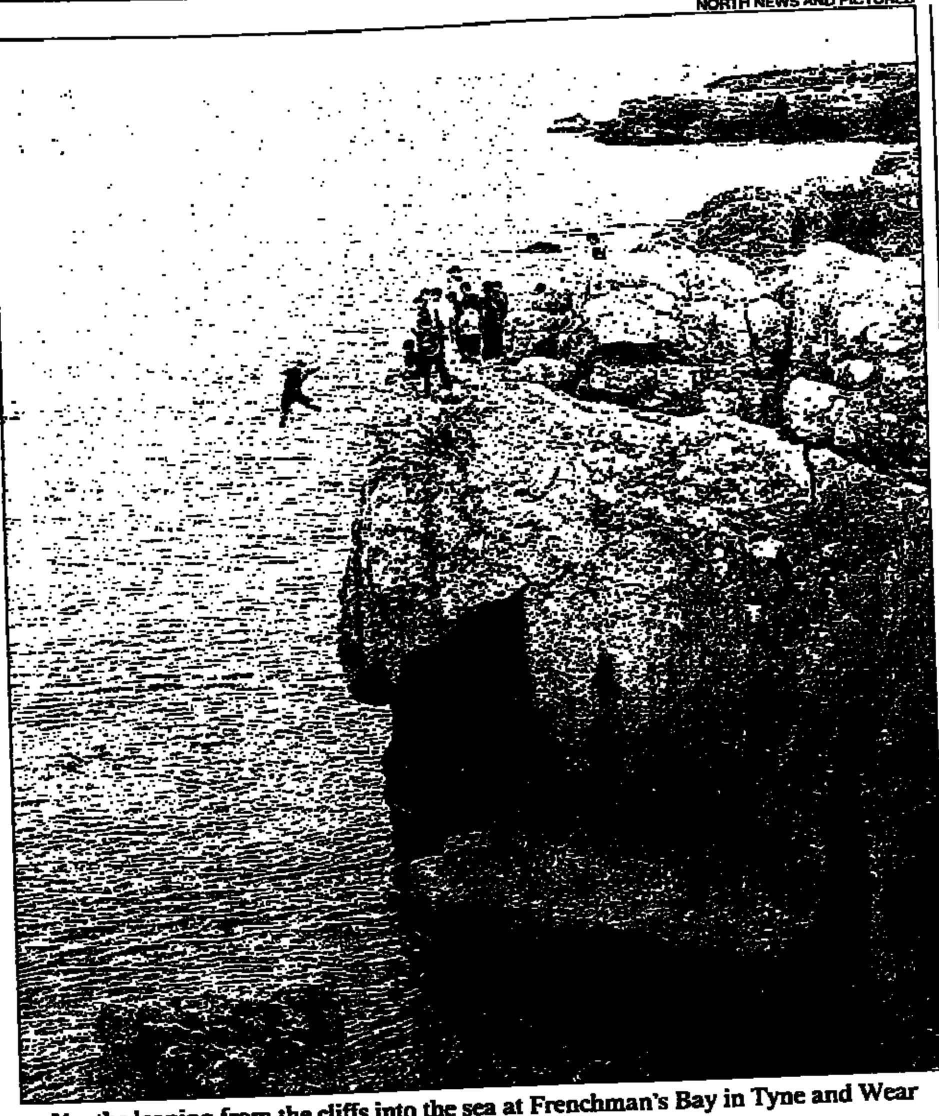

Youths leaping from the cliffs into the sea at Frenchman's Bay in Tyne and Wear

Scientists take the sting out of vaccines

By A Staff Reporter

VACCINATIONS may be made painless by a new technique which involves painting genetically engineered viruses on the skin.

The procedure has been tested only on mice, but the American development team says it could lead to painless vaccines which would not have to be administered by nurses or doctors.

Vaccines encourage the production of antibodies by exposing the body to weakened infectious organisms, or the toxins they produce. Most are administered by injection because, if swallowed, they would be destroyed by the digestive system.

The new method, developed by the genetics expert De-Chu Tang and scientists from the University of Alabama, uses viruses to carry the vaccine components into the body through the skin.

In one experiment, an immune response was seen in 23 out of 24 vaccinated mice. In another test, six out of 14 mice produced antibodies.

£80,000 is awarded in claims of Met assault

By Richard Ford, Home Correspondent

THREE men won £80,000 in damages plus costs from the Metropolitan Police yesterday. They had claimed that in two separate incidents they were assaulted by officers who then fabricated evidence against them.

Mark Thomas, 27, who was arrested in 1989 at a demonstration over the death of a friend, accepted £30,000 in settlement of a civil claim against the police. Timothy Murphy, 33, and John Racz, 37, who were arrested in a pub incident, accepted £30,000 and £20,000 respectively.

The officers involved in both incidents denied the allegations against them and the Metropolitan Police has not accepted liability.

After a statement setting out the terms of the settlements had been read out at the Central London County Court, Judge Callman, who was presiding, said it had vindicated the three men.

Mr Thomas, of West London, was arrested after a demonstration at which, he claimed, he was kicked by a police officer. He was forcibly restrained by a second officer; the other policeman punched him in the face and grabbed him around the throat.

The officers had claimed that, during the demonstration, Mr Thomas had thrust a pole at the police and shouted "One of you is going to die". Mr Thomas was charged with affray and assault but at the end of a trial in 1990, the judge directed the jury to enter a not-guilty verdict after finding that he had no case to answer.

In 1991 a stipendiary magistrate at Marylebone Magistrates' Court cleared Mr Murphy, of Stanwell, Surrey, of assault and obstruction and Mr Racz, of West London, of threatening behaviour. The men had been arrested after being told to leave a public house where Mr Murphy's wife had been helping to cash up at the end of the evening.

Mr Murphy was punched in the stomach and ribs and his head was struck against the ground. Mr Racz was dragged from a flat and pinned against a wall.

Outside the court, Mr Murphy criticised the attitude of the Metropolitan Police. "I think it is disgraceful that we have had no apology," he said. Mr Thomas said he would celebrate with his family.

Fiona Murphy, the solicitor who represented all three men, said that they had brought civil actions rather than rely on the police complaints process. She criticised Sir Paul Condon, Metropolitan Police Commissioner, for not apologising to the men.

In a statement, Scotland Yard said that had any of the men made a complaint to the police, it would have been investigated. None of them had done so; they had chosen to pursue civil actions, the statement said.

It added that members of the public were increasingly "inclined to take out civil actions against the police rather than make a formal complaint as they stand a high chance of obtaining a large financial settlement. This is frustrating for the police, who are unable to bring disciplinary charges without co-operation from the plaintiff."

Censors urged to come out of dark

By Carol Midgley, Media Correspondent

BRITISH film censors may be forced to justify their decisions in public under new plans being considered by the Government.

The British Board of Film Classification, which decides the classification of films in secret, would have to operate in a spirit of openness if the overhaul takes place. It has always maintained that, to do the job properly, it must conduct its business behind closed doors.

Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, is said to be looking closely at the board because of concern over screen violence and the certificates given to films.

James Ferman, the director of the board, has been criticised for refusing to discuss controversial decisions such as giving the film *Crash* a certificate and rating *The Lost World*, the sequel to *Jurassic Park*, as PG.

Yesterday the board denied that any review was taking place. Margaret Ford, the deputy director, said: "The BBFC has no knowledge of a radical shake-up of its organisation by the Home Office.

"All controversial decisions are the subject of press statements and are discussed in detail in the annual reports that are laid before Parliament and sent to all national newspapers."

The Home Office said there were no immediate plans to review the procedure, but insiders insist that Mr Straw believes the system needs modernising.

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New cities spawned pride and squalor

Tim Hames on oppression and reform in the mean streets of the 19th century

THE *19th century* was an age of cities. At its outset, London was the only city in England and Wales with a population that exceeded 100,000. By the time Victoria started her reign, that number had increased to six. At her death, the total had reached 25 and was still climbing.

During Victoria's rule, the proportion of the British population living in cities of such magnitude had all but doubled, to reach a third of the country. Britain had evolved from a rural society to an urban/suburban one in her lifetime.

London's population increased from 1.75 million to 4.25 million. Glasgow's command of Scotland was even more pronounced. The city contained 5 per cent of Scottish residents in 1801. That figure had reached 9 per cent in 1837 and would double before Edward VII became King.

The status of "city" was important for provincial towns as their populations increased. The struggle for official recognition occupied the energies of city fathers. Manchester was formally designated a city in 1853, Liverpool in 1880, Leeds in 1893 and Birmingham in 1896.

The full flowering of the industrial revolution combined with the advent of the railways to create the conditions for mass urbanisation. Trams, and in London the growing Underground network, provided modest further assistance in the final two decades of the century. But the health consequences of this rush to the slums was catastrophic.

A set of particularly unpleasant outbreaks of cholera and advances in medical understanding promoted enthusiasm for the "Sanity Idea". It was not until the 1870s that Parliament produced the sort of measures that would eventually improve living conditions and force down levels of mortality.

The knowledge that the cities represented squalor as well as progress may explain the mixed views that leading Victorians had about the urban boom taking place around them. Fascination was tinged with horror. In the 1890s H.G. Wells described the expansion of the cities as a "sustained disaster". John Ruskin referred to the "great foul city of London" and William Morris called the capital "hideous".

In terms of their human quality, almost all cities had improved dramatically by the time of Victoria's death. Modern medicine had finally made its mark. Furthermore, the emergence of dynamic local authorities had begun the process of slum clearance and widespread sanitation. The most striking example was Birmingham, especially during Joseph Chamberlain's period as Mayor in the 1870s.

He municipalised the gas and water works, purchased large tracts of slumland for public improvement schemes, and revolutionised public expectations about city government. He was supported by an exceptional political machine based on the Birmingham Liberal caucus. This organisation was the nearest that any British city came to the political parties common in American urban administration.

The Victorian antipathy to cities was based on rather more than their external appearances. The political consequences of social change were feared in many quarters. Cities were seen as the preserve of the "masses", thrown together with little chance of aristocratic influence. The Established Church was relatively weak compared with the combined forces of Nonconformism and secularism.

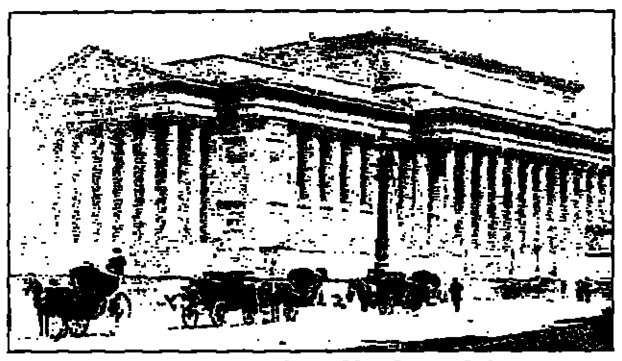
Middle-class radicalism and rising working-class identity represented threats to the Victorian order. Manchester, not London, was the birthplace of the Anti-Corn Law League and the same city was associated with the Chartist movement of the 1830s and 1840s. Birmingham produced its Liberal caucus, but Glasgow and the cities of northern England would spawn and nurture the Labour Party.

Glasgow's Argyle Street in the late 1890s. Many solidly built tenement homes of that era are much sought after

A glimpse behind the door of history

A TIME-CAPSULE of late Victorian Glasgow is preserved in the Tenement House in the city centre, more or less untouched since it was built in 1892. A family that took up residence in 1911 altered virtually nothing and stayed until 1975. The last occupant was Agnes Toward, a typist with a shipping firm. Her rosewood piano is still there; so is the old kitchen range and the kitchen sink with brass taps and zinc washboard. Tenement sinks were known as jawboxes: near the window, they were the place where neighbours talked across the courtyard. The Tenement House has a bedroom, but Miss Toward and her mother before her probably reserved that for lodgers. They themselves would have slept in the boxbed, a cupboard in the kitchen kept warm by the adjacent range. In less genteel tenements, boxbeds would have accommodated whole families.

☐ *The Tenement House, 145 Buccleuch Street: open daily until October 31, 2pm-5pm. Tel 0141-333 0183.*



St George's Hall: vision of justice and the arts

Hall of fame grew strong as young architect faded

By Russell Jenkins

VICTORIA described it as worthy of ancient Athens. The Prince of Wales says it is one of the greatest buildings of the past 200 years.

The neo-classical St George's Hall in Liverpool was built in an era when confidence and wealth went hand in hand in the great maritime city. Harvey Lonsdale Elmes won a contest to design a hall for a musical festival, and a separate competition to design an assize court. The city fathers combined the two. Elmes was just 23.

Work began in 1842. The frail and pale Elmes, from London, superintended at huge cost to his health. At 30, he contracted tuberculosis, and died three years later.

Architects have marvelled that the young man could have come up with such a colossal vision; his father said he was a martyr to the god of architecture. The work was completed by Elmes's more robust mentor, Professor C.R. Cockerell.

The building played a central role in the city's life until 1984, when the judges left for a modern complex. In 1867, Dickens delivered readings in the hall. W.S. Gilbert was a barrister in the civil court. More than 2,000 convicts walked down the stone steps to the condemned cell.

Among its features are a sunken tile floor made by Minton of Stoke-on-Trent. Today the trustees are hoping for £30 million from the National Lottery Heritage Fund to restore the building.

St George's Hall, Liverpool. Open daily until August 31: £2.00 adults, 50p children, OAPs and unwaged. From September, serves as a conference centre, but tours available on 0151-707 2391.

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Arafat links up with militants to defy Israelis

From Ross Dunn in Jerusalem

REUTERS

Yassir Arafat and Abdel Aziz al-Rantisi, a top leader of Hamas, at the national unity meeting in Gaza yesterday

YASSIR ARAFAT'S Palestinian Authority yesterday sought out militant Islamic groups to forge a common front against Israel in light of the Arab world's deepening disillusionment over the peace process.

Mr Arafat convened a two-day forum in Gaza City, with the participation of Hamas and the Islamic Jihad, in what he called "national unity" talks. He called on the militant groups to join forces with the Palestinian people against Israeli policies.

Mr Arafat said that "all options are open to the Palestinians against Israel's attempts to humiliate them".

The military wings of Hamas and Islamic Jihad are open enemies of the Jewish State and have claimed responsibility for the suicide bombings against its citizens in recent years.

Observers described as significant Mr Arafat's decision to hold a dialogue with Hamas so soon after last month's double suicide market bombing in Jerusalem which killed 15 people. The meeting was being seen as a public forum to air Palestinian anger over Israeli sanctions after the attack, including closing the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Nabil Abu Rudeineh, an senior adviser to Mr Arafat, said the meeting would continue today but in the West Bank town of Ramallah. "All the Palestinians under the flag of the PLO are standing together to face the challenges and the crisis," he said. Asked about Israeli criticism over the participation of Hamas and Islamic Jihad, he replied: "This is an internal Palestinian affair. This is the Palestinian Authority policy to contain all the Palestinian groups under the flag of the PLO."

If such unity could achieved, those groups would be obliged to cease their criticism of the PLO decision to sign peace accords with Israel in 1993. But militant Hamas officials based outside the Palestinian areas said that the organisation would push Mr Arafat to scrap the accords and begin a new armed struggle.

Israeli security officials viewed the participation of the fundamentalist groups in yesterday's meeting as a sign of their satisfaction over Mr Arafat's refusal to crack down on militant Islamic movements. His willingness to talk to Hamas leaders rather than arresting them sent a clear message that he does not take orders from America or Israel.

Yesterday Israel's air force launched its biggest attack into Lebanon for 16 months in retaliation for a Hezbollah rocket attack against the Jewish state. Warplanes blasted a power line feeding south Lebanon's largest city and Hezbollah guerrilla bases west of the border with Syria, and dropped bombs near a Lebanese Army position.

The three strikes, in the space of two hours, added to a spiral of violence that began on Monday and has pushed to the brink of collapse a 1996 agreement not to target civilians on the last active Arab-Israeli front line.

☐ **Washington:** New American peace initiatives in the Middle East were stalled once again by Mr Arafat's declaration yesterday that he would not submit to Israeli demands for a crackdown on terrorism (Tom Rhodes writes).His statements further undermined efforts by Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of State, to bring momentum to the otherwise deflated peace process. Ms Albright is set to visit the region but the trip's details have yet to be announced.

Mir crew in space 'plug' for milk

Jerusalem: A hole in his space station was not the only thing Vasili Tsibliyev, the former commander of the Mir space station, plugged on his star-crossed mission: he also made a television commercial for Israeli milk.

Channel Two television yesterday broadcast a preview of the advertisement showing Mr Tsibliyev swallowing a floating globule of long-life milk which he squeezed out of a carton covered with Hebrew script.

"The 'Milk in Space' advertisement is the story of a cosmonaut who, hundreds of miles away in space and months away from home, craves fresh-tasting milk," said a spokeswoman for Gitam/BBDO, the advertising agency that produced the commercial for Tnuva, Israel's biggest food manufacturer.

She said $450,000 (£280,000) was budgeted for the 90-second advertisement and a fee, which she declined to disclose, was paid to the Russian Space Agency. She said she did not know if the crew were paid. *(Reuters)*

Blunders led to jet crash

From Tom Rhodes in Washington

A CATALOGUE of errors was blamed yesterday for the crash of a ValuJet aircraft last year which plummeted into the Florida Everglades killing all 110 people on board.

The National Transportation and Safety Board said the Federal Aviation Administration, a maintenance contractor, and ValuJet Airlines, one of America's cheapest carriers, were all responsible for the crash.

Investigators found that a cargo hold fire spread rapidly through the DC9 soon after take-off from Miami international airport in May last year. The plane, which had no fire detection or suppression systems in the hold, spiralled nose-first into the alligator-filled swamp.

The most strident criticism in the board's report was reserved for the FAA. "Had the FAA required fire/smoke-detection and/or fire-extinguishing systems in the cargo compartments, as the safety board recommended in 1988, ValuJet Flight 592 would likely not have crashed," said the report.

In tracing the causes, investigators had found 144 oxygen generators removed by SabreTech, the maintenance firm, from another ValuJet aircraft and placed on Flight 592 for shipment to the airline's hub in Atlanta.

Normally the generators, each the size of a small beer can, are installed above the passenger compartment and are activated automatically in the event of unexpected decompression at high altitudes. The reaction generates heats as high as 500F but, when installed in the ceiling, the canisters are insulated.

On the flight in question, however, the 144 crated generators were carried as cargo. Maintenance men said the outdated canisters were incorrectly marked as repairable and a stock clerk compounded the error by directing a shipment clerk to label them as empty. Despite still containing highly reactive chemicals, they were then stored uninsulated in the hold on top of two large inflatable tyres.

Shortly before or after take off to Atlanta, at least one of the canisters fell from its box, detonating an in-built percussion cap that set off the oxygen generating reaction which led to the tyres bursting into flames.

Amid the recorded shouts of "Fire, fire, fire" from passengers, the plane plunged 6,000 ft in 30 seconds, levelling off momentarily before plunging into the swamp.

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11 feared dead in French grain silo explosion

From Ben Macintyre in Paris

A HUGE explosion in a grain silo near Bordeaux in western France yesterday morning left 11 workers buried and feared dead beneath tonnes of concrete rubble and grain.

A twelfth man was pulled from the destroyed Sembla cereals plant at the port of Blaye on the Gironde River north of Bordeaux, but as scores of firemen and rescue workers dug through the wreckage last night, hopes of finding more survivors were fading. Six other workers were treated for minor injuries.

Firefighters said that the blast probably was caused by a build-up of static electricity and dust particles in the silo, combined with fermentation of the grain in the summer heat. Some workers for the cereal storage company were loading a ship when the explosion took place shortly after 10am local time, destroying one 100ft silo and badly damaging two others.

"There was an enormous ball of fire," one witness said. A passing lorry driver said he saw "windows exploding and flames reaching 50 metres into the air". More than 150 rescue workers, using sniffer dogs and helicopters, were combing through the mounds of concrete, metal and grain, but the danger of the two damaged silos collapsing was impeding rescue efforts, a firefighter said. The silos contained more than 13,000 cubic metres of corn, oats and barley.

"We have done everything that can be done by hand. We are waiting for heavy machinery to do the rest," Michel Falot, chief of the fire brigade, said yesterday.

Most of the missing workers are believed to have been in an office between two of the silos when the explosion happened, destroying the platform underneath the building from which the cereals were being loaded. The explosion could be heard from several miles away, according to radio reports. The injured man pulled from the devastated building was flown to hospital in Bordeaux, suffering from a broken leg and severe shock.

Jean-Claude Gayssot, the Transport and Housing Minister, flew to the scene of the disaster and said that he had given immediate orders for new safety precautions. He said that he and Christian Pierret, Secretary of State for Industry, had "given instructions that in every department in every region of France, local authorities carry out the necessary checks to ensure that such an incident can never happen again".

Six hours after the initial explosion, rescue workers had still not been able to dig down to the destroyed office where the missing workers, eight of them company secretaries, were thought to be buried.

By early evening sniffer dogs had located four people under the rubble, and cranes were being brought in to remove the heavy concrete debris to try to free them.

In October 1982, 12 people were killed in a similar accident when a silo containing malt exploded near Metz. Investigators concluded that the blast was caused by a build-up of dust and insufficient ventilation.

Grain silo explosions are a known risk, Jean-Claude Laforest, of the Government's INRS research institute, said. Grain stored in static conditions poses little danger, but when cereal dust is stirred up into a cloud it becomes highly combustible, M Laforest said.

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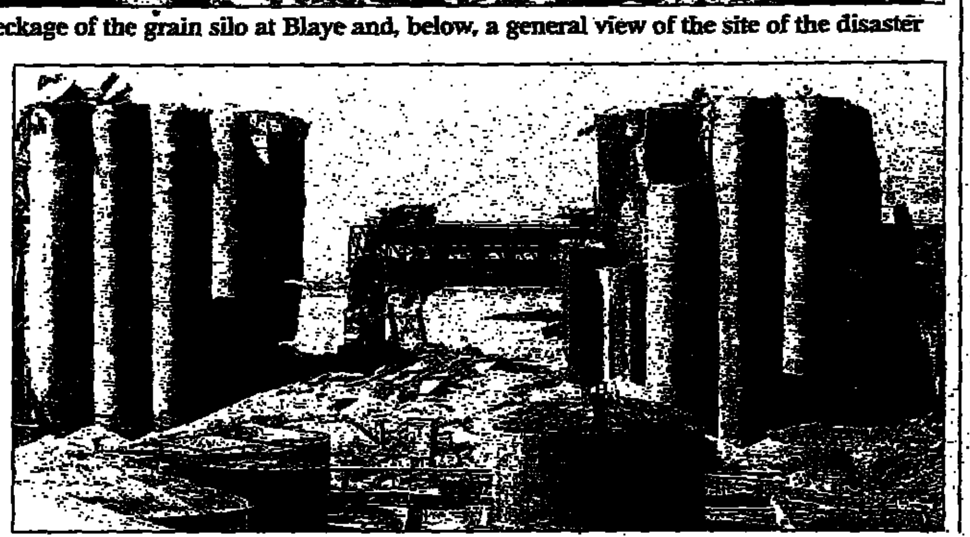
Firefighters, above, search for survivors among the wreckage of the grain silo at Blaye and, below, a general view of the site of the disaster



Keyhole cannabis derails train drivers

From Ray Kennedy in Johannesburg

FANS are to be installed in South African commuter trains to blow away the smoke from dagga, locally grown cannabis, which is threatening to send drivers off the rails. Doors to the drivers' tiny cabs are also to be sealed and keyholes covered.

It has become a joke among dagga smokers to take over the front carriages to blow smoke through keyholes, Chris de Vos, who is general secretary of the mainly white 8,000-strong South African Footplate Association, said yesterday.

Both the association and Metrorail, which runs rail commuter services between townships and the country's main centres, said that the situation was most serious in KwaZulu/Natal province, where most dagga is grown.

"Last week one of our drivers was forced to stop his train for 50 minutes at Cato Ridge [near Durban] because he was getting high on the Dagga fumes," Mr de Vos said. "The problem has been getting steadily worse for the past three years, particularly in the Durban area and, to a lesser extent, in the Cape Town and Johannesburg regions."

The association has now advised all its members to stop their trains if they start to feel woosie. "Of course, the commuters become angry when they are made late for work, but it is better than a driver carrying on and having an accident," Mr de Vos said. "We're playing with lives and we are sick and tired of it."

Archbishop chosen to fight evil of crime

Tegucigalpa, Honduras: The National Legislature has appointed the head of the Roman Catholic Church in Honduras as chief of the newly formed National Police.

The vote was 126-2 in favour of Oscar Andrés Rodriguez Maradiaga, Archbishop of Tegucigalpa, who is also president of the Latin American conference of bishops. One opposition legislator and one member of the ruling Liberal Party voted against. Mgr Rodriguez was not immediately available for comment. Normally, the Vatican prohibits clergymen from holding government jobs without special dispensation.

The MPs' decision was part of an effort to overhaul law enforcement in the Central American nation of 5.7 million people, to make it more professional and take it away from the military and place it under civilian authority. For the past 33 years the current 6,000-member police force has been part of the military which ruled Honduras for 17 years until 1981, when it relinquished power in favour of elected civilians.

Crime has been increasing for at least the past six years and the police have been increasingly criticised for not being able to cope with it. *(AP)*

Punk designer's vestments enliven Pope's Paris trip

From Susan Bell in Paris

A FASHION designer who dresses punk groups and rock stars has created couture vestments for the Pope for his visit to Paris from today until Sunday.

Jean-Charles Castelbajac, former style guru of The Sex Pistols and The New York Dolls, and who has dressed Elton John, has also designed rainbow-coloured chasubles for the 5,000 priests and 500 bishops who will officiate at the 12th Festival of Youth.

While the Pope is often accused by critics of being too conservative in his theological approach, the same cannot be said of his fashion sense: the 77-year-old pontiff has a penchant for wearing white Doc Marten boots beneath his cassock. During the Paris trip, the Pope will wear M de Castelbajac's creation in immaculate white covered in white embroidery with a few touches of colour by master French embroiderer, Lesage.

The priests will wear white chasubles emblazoned with a vivid stripe of colour in either red, yellow, orange, green or blue — each representing one of the five continents. When the priests are assembled, M de Castelbajac explained, a rainbow effect will be created. Those administering Holy Communion will also carry azure blue umbrellas decorated with a dove of peace.

For the ten faithful who will be baptised by the Pope during an open air Mass at the Champ de Mars near the Eiffel Tower, M de Castelbajac has created a reversible cape. One side is sombre and the other white, which he says symbolises the passage from darkness to light.

For the 500,000 young people from 50 countries who are expected to attend the festival, the designer has come up with brightly coloured T-shirts, baseball caps and bandanas.

M de Castelbajac agreed to design the holy robes without charge after being approached by French Cardinal Jean-Marie Lustiger on behalf of the Vatican. The designer accepted without hesitation.

This is not the first time the Pope has worn designer robes. Last Easter he was seen in the work of Gai Mattiolo, a Roman designer known as "the new Valentino" who dresses Nicole Kidman and Daryl Hannah.

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Tourist in icy plunge to save Rome fountain

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

ITALY reacted with national outrage yesterday after an attack by three unemployed Romans on Bernini's Fountain of the Four Rivers in Piazza Navona in the heart of the capital. A young tourist from Northern Ireland who dived into the icy waters of the fountain to rescue the damaged pieces was hailed as a hero.

The media treated the incident as a major act of terrorism, condemning "a mindless act of vandalism", and the news led all television bulletins. There were calls for heavier fines and jail sentences for damage to the nation's artistic heritage.

Professor Federico Zeri, a leading art expert, said that it was time the army was called in "to protect the country's heritage".

Francesco Rutelli, The Mayor of Rome, said: "Enough is enough. From now on we must severely punish anyone who fails to respect our unique cultural heritage."

The damage happened when three unemployed men aged between 33 and 43 — all from Rome, and all with petty criminal records — clambered into the fountain. One tried to climb up the statue, breaking off the tail of a sea monster between the figures representing the Ganges and the Danube. It fell into the water in three pieces.

When onlookers called the police, two of the men climbed out and ran off, but the third was arrested. The other two, identified because of their wet clothes, were caught shortly afterwards. They go on trial tomorrow. Their defence lawyer said they would claim they had been trying to cool off, and the damage had been accidental.

Bernini: Baroque master

Il Messaggero said that police were reluctant to climb into the fountain because they did not want to get their uniforms wet. They asked Ciaran Shevlin, 17, from Augher in Co Tyrone, who was wearing a T-shirt, cycling shorts and sandals. One of the officers helped him to climb into the basin of the fountain, where the water is waist deep, and, to applause from the crowd, Mr Shevlin submerged himself three times to bring up the pieces.

"I didn't need asking twice," Mr Shevlin said. "We Irish are happy when we can be of service. The pieces were heavier than I expected and the water was very, very cold. But I didn't mind."

An Italian passer-by bought him a blue Italian national football shirt from a street vendor. Mr Shevlin, a Roman Catholic, is a member of a mixed group of Protestants and Catholics staying at Lanuvio, near Rome, as part of a European Union town twinning programme.

MARIO PROTO / AP

Ciaran Shevlin leaves the Fountain of the Four Rivers after rescuing the tail. The fountain, unveiled in 1651, was dedicated to Pope Innocent X

The marble fountain, with an Egyptian obelisk in the centre, is the only one designed in its entirety by Gian Lorenzo Bernini, the Baroque sculptor. It was unveiled in 1651 and was dedicated to Pope Innocent X, its massive allegorical figures represent the Nile, the Plate, the Danube and the Ganges rivers.

According to legend, the figure representing the Nile has its face covered so that it cannot see the facade of the church of Sant' Agnese, designed by Bernini's rival Francesco Borromini. Equally, the figure representing the River Plate is raising its hand, as if to stop the church falling down. Alas, neither myth can be true: the church was begun a year after the fountain was completed. The true explanation is that the Nile's face is covered and the River Plate's hand is raised to shield its eyes because the sources of both rivers were unknown.

The damage to Bernini's fountain comes after a series of assaults on priceless Italian sculptures and works of art of world importance, including an attack by a deranged Hungarian who believed he was Jesus Christ on Michelangelo's Pietà in St Peter's Basilica in 1972.

Australia used to 'dump' ex-Nazi

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE IN SYDNEY

JEWISH groups fiercely condemned the Australian Government yesterday for allowing Konrad Kalejs, an alleged Nazi war criminal, back into the country. They claimed Australia was being turned into a "dumping ground" for war criminals.

Mr Kalejs, 83, who became a citizen of Australia after the war, arrived there a free man yesterday having being deported from Canada. An immigration adjudicator had ruled that he had helped to run a slave labour camp in Nazi-occupied Latvia during the Second World War in which prisoners were starved, tortured and murdered.

He was deported from America to Australia three years ago but fled to Canada after the release of secret files on his alleged wartime activities.

Diane Shteinman, President of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, yesterday called for a change in Australian deportation laws, saying: "We are really aghast that a person who is not fit for the US or Canada can come back to Australia with impunity. If the Government does not open the case it would make Australia, in the view of the world, as a dumping ground for war criminals. The fault is with our laws."

Mark Liebler, a spokesman for the Australian Jewish Affairs Council added: "He's been thrown out of the US, he's been thrown out of Canada and it's quite clear that he ought to be deported from Australia."

Mr Kalejs has always denied the allegations, maintaining that he was a university student during the war.

☐ **Bonn:** The German Government and Jewish community representatives agreed yesterday to set up a special commission which has three months to examine how to deal with reparations claims from east European Holocaust victims. *(Reuters)*

'Blood' defaces statue

FROM RICHARD CLEROUX IN OTTAWA

A CONTROVERSIAL statue in Quebec City of General Charles de Gaulle, the late French leader, has been doused in red paint. The damage, discovered on Tuesday morning, cost about £300 to repair.

Two notes in French were left by the statue. One referred to the 1942 Second World War battle in which more than 900 French-speaking Canadians died, saying: "Canadian blood at Dieppe."

The statue, unveiled less than a month ago by the separatist government in Quebec province, has attracted repeated attacks from federalists.

De Gaulle, who died in 1970, led the French resistance from England during the war and in 1958 became President of France's Fifth Republic. During Canada's centennial he shouted "Vive le Quebec libre" from a Montreal city hall balcony.

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Libel case 'used for Singapore political attack'

FROM CHRIS JOHNSON IN SINGAPORE

BEN JEYARETNAM, the veteran opposition leader, yesterday accused Singapore's leaders of trying to drive him out of parliament by pursuing several libel cases against him.

Mr Jeyaretnam, 71, agreed that he told an election rally that a Workers' Party (WP) colleague had filed police reports against Goh Chok Tong, the Prime Minister, and other members of the ruling People's Action Party (PAP). But he told the High Court, under questioning from his barrister George Carman, QC, that he had no detailed knowledge of what was in the reports, which accused Mr Goh, Lee Kuan Yew, the former Prime Minister, and nine other PAP leaders of criminal conspiracy and lying.

The 11 are suing Mr Jeyaretnam, saying his announcement of the police reports amounted to defamation by innuendo because everyone knew what the reports would say after a widely publicised war of words.

The trial, planned to last 12 days, is being monitored by the Geneva-based International Commission of Jurists and by Amnesty International, which says it is worried Singapore may be using the courts to suppress opposition. Mr Goh denied on Tuesday that the defamation actions were intended to bankrupt Mr Jeyaretnam and thus bar him from parliament. The actions stemmed from December's general election campaign which resulted in the PAP winning 81 of parliament's 83 seats.

In the campaign, the PAP focused all its heavy weaponry on Tang Liang Hong, a WP candidate, accusing him of being an "anti-Christian, Chinese chauvinist" who endangered racial harmony in mainly ethnic Chinese Singapore, which has large Malay and Indian minorities.

> ‘I announced that Tang had just placed before me reports he made to the police. That is all’

Mr Tang filed police reports accusing PAP leaders of lying and criminal conspiracy and Mr Jeyaretnam announced that move at the last rally before voting on January 2.

Mr Goh and his colleagues sued Mr Tang, who fled abroad saying his life had been threatened. He did not return to defend himself and the PAP leaders were awarded a record S$8.08 million (£3.5 million) in damages.

They also sued Mr Jeyaretnam, who is an MP by virtue of a constitutional provision requiring at least three opposition members.

"The case against Tang and me is purely political," Mr Jeyaretnam told Tom Shields, QC, Mr Goh's barrister.

"What I announced was that Tang Liang Hong had just placed before me reports that he had made to the police. That is all. I doubt very much that the ordinary layman in Singapore would understand from that, that he [Mr Tang] is reporting them for criminal conspiracy and defamation," Mr Jeyaretnam added.

Mr Shields suggested that Mr Jeyaretnam knew "full well the inference was that they were lying". The opposition politician replied: "I really didn't think about it."

He added that Mr Tang had simply placed copies of the police reports on the rally podium and asked him to announce that they had been made. *(Reuters)*

Answering back can cost

FROM ANDREW DRUMMOND IN SINGAPORE

"NOBODY fishes in the local lakes any more because now even the fish don't open their mouths," the driver said on the way to the High Court in Singapore. He was describing the atmosphere as Goh Chok Tong, the Prime Minister, faced a grilling from George Carman, QC, in the extraordinary libel case against the leader of the Opposition.

At the centre of the case is the Workers' Party leader, J.B. "Ben" Jeyaretnam, who is being prosecuted for the innuendo of waving a police report in front of an election meeting and saying that Mr Goh had been reported to the police.

The report filed by a political candidate, Tang Liang Hong, was an answer to mudslinging by the Prime Minister, who had accused him of being a Chinese chauvinist and anti-Christian and therefore likely to disrupt Singapore's racial balance, even though Mr Tang has studied Indian dancing and his daughter is a Christian.

But under Singapore's "meritocracy", to answer back the head of government can be a costly experience. Mr Goh has already been awarded $S600,000 (£260,860) in an earlier libel action against Mr Tang. Eleven other government politicians shared the rest of an $S8 million award between them.

Singapore boasts the highest standard of living in the region. There are jobs to go round. The state is sparkling clean. The quality of life, however, is a different matter. A poll published in Singapore last week indicated that at least 37 per cent of adults had contemplated or were contemplating emigrating.

EMMANUEL DUNAND / EPA

Tajik leader 'unshakeably convinced' he will take Kabul

AHMED SHAH MASOOD, the Tajik leader of the Northern Alliance opposed to the fundamentalist Taleban militia, sharing a private moment with his eight-year-old son Ahmed yesterday. His senior aides have described his "unshakeable conviction" that he will take the city of Kabul *(Michael Dynes writes)*.

Even in May when the Taleban zealots broke through the Salang highway to enter the northern city of Mazar-i-Sharif and all seemed lost, General Masood was preparing to take his battle to the hills of his native Panjshir valley.

Dr Abdulla, General Masood's personal spokesman, said: "He has an unshakeable conviction in his cause. It is because of him Afghanistan is still here as an independent country."

General Masood, 44, often returns to his home in the Panjshir Valley to be with his wife, son and four daughters. He has seen his country torn to shreds as a result of 18 years of war provoked by the Soviet invasion in 1979, and bitter in-fighting between the various Mujahidin factions between 1992 and 1994, and now an invasion by religious fundamentalists.

The general's senior military aides yesterday downplayed the decision to delay the final offensive against Kabul until next month. Despite growing pressure, General Masood will not be pushed into any precipitate military action.

Woman in line for top China job

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN BEIJING

CHINA may appoint a woman as Foreign Minister in a looming leadership shuffle that will give President Jiang Zemin his toughest problem: finding a "meaningful" job for Li Peng, the country's unpopular Prime Minister.

The prospect of the witty, outgoing and acerbic Mrs Wu Yi, 58, taking the senior foreign position is the most intriguing possibility that could emerge from the leadership reshuffle.

The changes will take place at next month's party congress. Mrs Wu, now Foreign Trade Minister, is tipped to succeed Qian Qichen, 69, the Foreign Minister, who is retiring. She is also likely to gain a seat on the powerful party Politburo. She would be a fitting match for Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of State. Ms Albright is of a similar age to the small, plump but bustling Mrs Wu.

As the fifteenth congress draws near, Beijing citizens are speculating about the future of the Prime Minister and about the leaders who will take China into the next century. Mr Li must retire from the premiership next March after two five-year terms.

"Li wants a job with power and it is difficult to find him one without displacing another leader or even whittling at Jiang's own power base," a foreign diplomat said. A complicating factor for Mr Jiang, 71 — he is party chief, President and top army leader — is that he has yet to consolidate his own role as Deng Xiaoping's successor.

Diplomats say it is a "virtual certainty" that Zhu Rongji, 69, the Deputy Prime Minister who is China's "economics tsar", will replace Mr Li next March.

Mr Li, 68, remains deeply unpopular because he signed the martial law order that sent the People's Liberation Army into Tiananmen Square in June 1989 to suppress pro-democracy demonstrations.

He may take over from Qiao Shi, 72, as chairman of the National People's Congress, but the former security chief is determined to hang on for another term.

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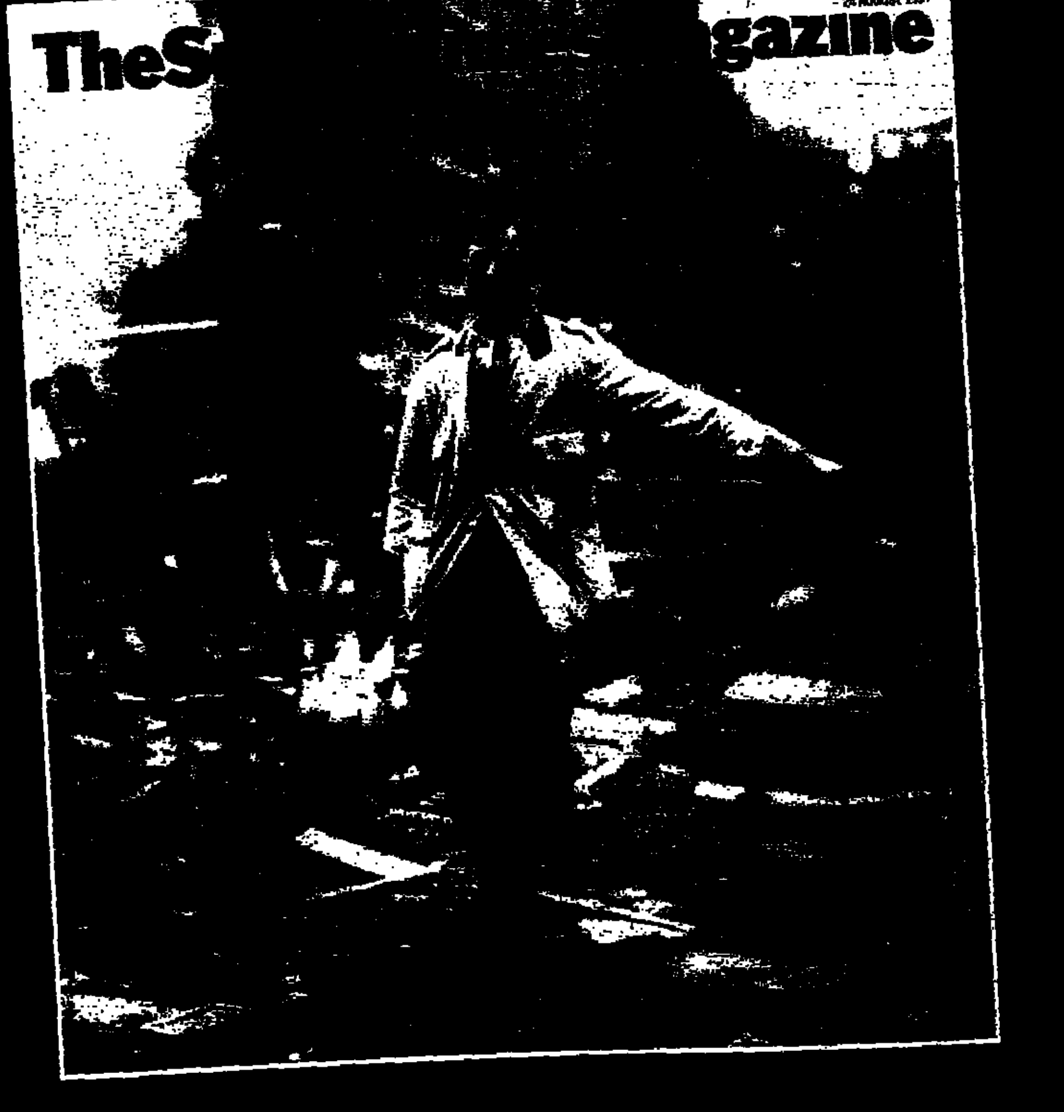

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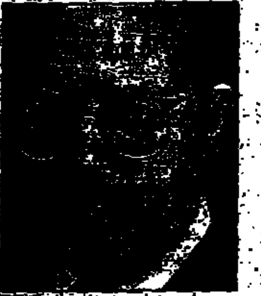

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THURSDAY AUGUST 21 1997

Shell in talks to acquire Gulf outlets

By Eric Reguly

THE restructuring of the petrol market was set to continue last night when Shell UK confirmed it was in negotiations to buy the retail operations of Gulf UK, which are owned by Chevron.

Shell is also negotiating to buy Gulf's commercial fuels and lubricants business, but not its refinery at Milford Haven nor the head office in Cheltenham. Shorn of its retail arm, Gulf is expected to close the refinery.

Oil experts said the deal would give Shell nearly as much market share as Esso and put it well ahead of BP, which took control of Mobil's retailing businesses in the UK and in continental Europe last year.

Gulf has 450 retail sites, which would give the combined network 2,250 outlets. The Gulf stations would be rebranded as Shell and some weaker outlets would be shed, Shell said.

It added that the Gulf acquisition, which it hopes to complete by the end of the year, would significantly increase its market share. The company said that many of the Gulf sites were in better locations than the Shell outlets. The 16 Gulf stations bought by Shell in 1995 are among the company's best performers, it said.

The value of the 450 Gulf stations is difficult to estimate because their sales are not known. The price war, however, has eroded margins and depressed values.

Esso, which introduced the highly successful Price Watch campaign, is considered the most aggressive petrol retailer. The price war has resulted in the closure of about 10 per cent of stations in the past year or so.

The Shell-Gulf talks come as little surprise. Earlier this year, Chevron put its Gulf stations on the auction block after a proposed three-way merger with the refining and retail operations of Elf UK and Murco failed.

James Frost, chairman and chief executive of Save Group (formerly the Frost Group), the largest independent petrol retailer, said the Shell-Gulf move would give the big three about 60 per cent of the retail market. Save, with about 600 stations, has about 2.5 per cent.

Mr Frost welcomed the Shell-Gulf talks. He said: "The merger would mean that the remaining refiners will have a greater need to sell their products among a smaller number of retailers. We can only benefit from this development."

Shell's acquisition of the Gulf retail sites would require government approval.

Treasury plays down inflationary impact of sales

Spending spree fuels fears of rate increases

By George Sivell and Robert Miller

RETAIL sales surged again in July, according to government figures out yesterday, although the rate of growth has slowed down since the boom month of June.

The July figures, swollen by spending windfall gains from mutual flotations, set a number of post-Eighties records and had analysts talking of possible interest rate rises. However, both the Treasury and Geoffrey Robinson, the Paymaster General, played down the inflationary impact of the figures.

In July the volume of retail sales rose 0.3 per cent from June, although the rise from May to June has been revised up from 0.6 per cent to 0.8 per cent. Government economists, however, regard the quarterly figures as a more reliable indicator of consumer trends.

In the three months from May to July retail sales rose 2.1 per cent on the previous quarter, the highest rise since October 1987's 2.2 per cent. The figures were 5.8 per cent up on the same quarter a year ago, the highest rise since September 1989's 6.1 per cent.

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) said that it wanted to wait until the August figures before deciding whether the growth inspired by spending of windfall gains from building society and insurance mutual flotations had begun to slow down.

However, ONS statisticians estimate that an extra £200 million was spent on household goods and carpets in June and that an extra £100 million was spent in July. Stripping the combined £300 million out of the quarterly figures, the growth falls from a record-breaking 2.1 per cent to a more ordinary 1.4 per cent. This calculation should help to reduce any upward pressure that emerges on interest rates, even though the Bank of England has effectively capped interest rates at 7 per cent for the time being.

Mr Robinson said: "We know that there's a lot of windfall money being paid out ... so we budgeted for this, we expected it and the market also was expecting it, so I think, really, it's a matter of looking at the whole year and then I think we are still on track."

Separate figures yesterday showed that consumer lending by British banks fell in July by just under £100 million. The British Bankers Association said that consumer credit rose £407 million in July, compared with £514 million in June and a six-monthly average of £479 million. Of the total amount of credit extended to consumers £173 million was attributable to plastic cards.

Figures from the Building Societies Association showed a record monthly inflow of cash both from carpetbaggers and genuine savers. The remaining mutual societies attracted £1.858 billion in July, compared with £1.844 billion in June.

Of more concern was the rise in the broad money supply, M4, of 0.8 per cent on the month and 11.8 per cent on the year. Analysts believe this figure represents a threat to the current low inflation environment and note that the Bank of England has moved the pace of M4 growth much higher up its agenda.

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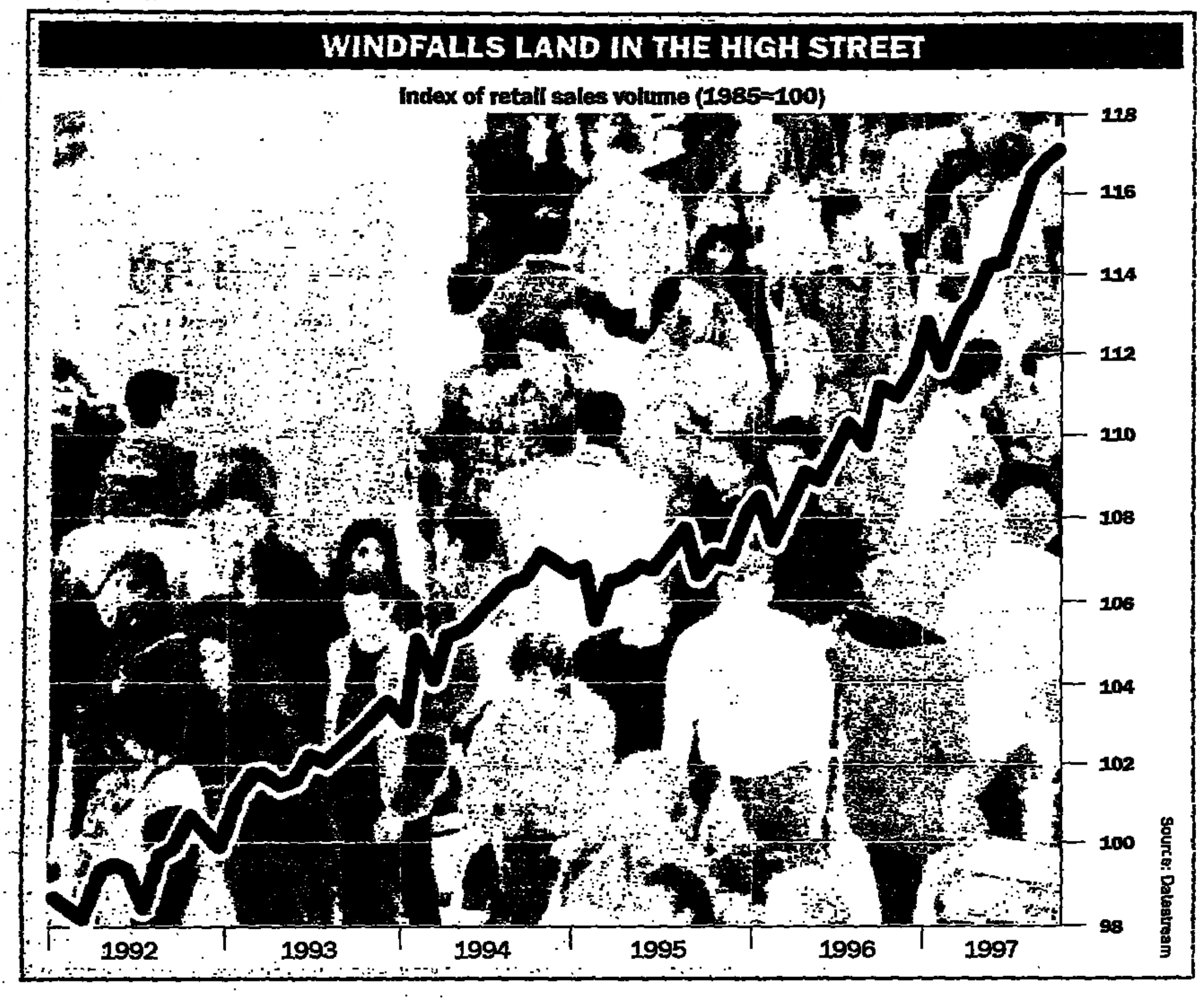

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Power bill cuts scaled back

By Christine Buckley
Industrial Correspondent

A THREATENED rebellion by electricity suppliers has forced the regulator to scale down planned price cuts.

Professor Stephen Littlechild had pressed for pricing caps delivering £30 cuts in bills over two years. However, he settled for proposals that will cut the average bill by between £15 and £25, depending on regional variations.

The alternative would have been to refer electricity companies objecting to the price cuts to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. This would have meant that the cuts could not have been implemented for half the industry at a time when Professor Littlechild was trying to introduce competition.

Professor Littlechild denied bowing to political pressure to stop a mass referral to the MMC or heeding protests over effects of the windfall tax. He said that he did not believe that the companies would now seek a referral. "I don't see any justifiable basis for any company going to the MMC," he said. "If it did, we've got a strong case to make, but I hope it won't come to that."

Consumer groups fear that the regulator has weakened under industry pressure. Sharon Dee, of the Consumers' Association, said: "Lower prices today have been sacrificed for competition tomorrow."

Although softer than past proposals, the regulator's calculations are bad news for the coal industry and RJB Mining. His assumptions are that coal prices will fall to world prices when current contracts with generators end in March. He has rejected a plan by RJB to extend current contracts as competition is phased in. His move leaves RJB exposed to tough bargaining by generators. RJB said it was still confident of effective negotiations.

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On the road

A growing band of senior executives in America are shunning their plush offices in favour of an electronic way of working known as "hotelling" and staying in touch with head office by e-mail, telephone and a laptop computer. Page 27

News Corp reveals share buyback

By George Sivell

THE News Corporation, parent company of *The Times*, yesterday announced plans to buy back up to A$1.3 billion (£600 million) of its ordinary shares after reporting an 8.5 per cent rise in operating profits to A$1.47 billion (£677 million) in the year to June 30. Net profits fell to A$720 million from A$1.02 billion after exceptional charges, largely related to the restructuring of HarperCollins.

The company said that it has cash in excess of its immediate needs and would start a buyback after gaining regulatory approval.

Britain emerged as the strongest of News Corp's operations, with pre-tax profits rising from A$351 million to A$488 million. Lower paper prices and a 15 per cent rise in circulation of *The Times* were the driving forces behind the rise.

The restructuring at HarperCollins took up the bulk of an exceptional charge of A$575 million. The book publishing arm reported sharply lower earnings because of very difficult trading conditions.

The company said that profits from its 40 per cent stake in BSkyB rose 22 per cent to £127 million.

Operating profit in filmed entertainment was down marginally from the previous year. The company said that the success of the film *Independence Day* had helped Twentieth Century Fox, along with the success of the *Star Wars: Special Edition* trilogy and *Romeo and Juliet*. Offsetting these successes were disappointing results from *Volcano* and *Speed 2*, both released in the June quarter. The final dividend is held at 1.5 cents.

Norman cashes in £1.66m of options

By Sarah Cunningham

ARCHIE NORMAN, the chairman of Asda and vice-chairman of the Conservative Party, picked up a total of £2.2 million last year from his supermarket job, according to the company's annual report.

His pay was down from £3.7 million the year before, partly because of his move from being chief executive to non-executive chairman, a part-time post, half way through the year. He stepped aside in order to make his successful bid for Parliament.

Norman: pay dropped

Most of the money he made last year came from share options, granted under a deeply discounted long-term incentive plan (LTIP), which he cashed in for £1.66 million. His basic salary was £439,000 and his total remuneration — excluding pension payments — was £551,000, down from £660,000.

His basic pay in the current year, the first full year in his part-time role, is poised to drop to about £250,000.

Allan Leighton, the new chief executive, received £1.38 million, while Phil Cox, finance director, picked up £1.2 million. Both received £831,750 of their money from cashing in LTIP options.

Point West comes out of terminal decline

By Jason Nissé

Point West: work stopped in 1991

POINT WEST, one of the largest white elephants left by the 1980s property boom collapse, is to be completed a decade after the plan to turn the former West London air terminal into flats.

The development — where work stopped in 1991 — was bought for £60 million yesterday by a consortium led by Regalian Properties and including three Singapore groups. They plan to plough £60 million more into developing Point West into 400 flats — to be sold for up to £2 million each — a leisure centre, restaurant and offices and hope to have it finished in 1999.

The deal means that more than 300 prospective flat buyers — including Stefan Johanssen, the motor racing driver, and Andrea Newman, author of *Bouquet of Barbed Wire*, will finally get back the deposits they paid in 1987. Those were originally worth £16 million but after a court ruling last year the prospective purchasers could receive at least twice that.

The plan to turn the Kensington terminal into flats was the brainchild of Sighismund Berger, an ultra-religious Jew from Hackney, who was once rated Britain's 25th richest person. The development was so sought-after that queues formed outside the selling agents when they were put on the market in 1987. Work stopped when the Berger family's Land & Property Trust collapsed in the early 1990s.

The receivers, Deloitte Touche, then sold the development to Farndale, a Panamanian company, for less than £5 million, leaving a consortium of banks with losses of more than £100 million. Farndale, whose London representative, Christopher Shaw, says is owned by a group of "extremely wealthy international traders", will repay the deposits from the receipts of the sale to the Regalian contortium.

David Goldstone, chairman of Regalian, expects to sell the flats to UK residents but also believes there may be strong demand from Singapore. He reckons the consortium can sell the flats for as much as £150 million, generating a £10 million profit.

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Griffiths backs Tesco in war with Adidas

By Sarah Cunningham

THE Government is considering taking action to ensure that British consumers *do not* pay unnecessarily high prices *for branded goods*. Nigel Griffiths, Consumer Affairs *Minister, said yesterday* as he offered his support to Tesco's decision to sell Adidas sportswear at a discount.

Tesco, which carried out a similar campaign with Levi's jeans earlier this year, built up a £2 *million stockpile* of Adidas goods after the Ger*man company refused* to make it an official vendor. Tesco bought the goods, including trainers, through unofficial channels — mainly US retailers — and will sell them from today in 200 of its supermarkets at between 20 and 50 per cent less than the usual price.

Mr Griffiths said that *Tesco's move* was *"the first* salvo in a campaign, a cooperative effort". Other supermarkets are set to follow suit, while the Government is also considering action: "We are looking at what leverage we may have on foreign companies. As a major world economic power, we are not without strength," he said.

"*What I find outrageous* is that American manufacturers *supply the US market* at substantially less than they supply UK markets," he added.

In a statement, Adidas urged customers to buy its products through "authentic sports retail channels".

The company is not planning to take any legal action against Tesco, Robin Money, head of corporate relations at *Adidas UK said. It will* carry out an internal inquiry as to *who supplied* Tesco.

Shares in the specialist sports retailers, which rely on the high margins they are able to charge on goods from big-name manufacturers, all fell yesterday. Blacks Leisure was down 12½p at 412½p, JJB Sport 1p to 472½p and John David Sport 4p to 182½p.

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ASHLEY COOMBES

Philip Lewis, chief executive of Conrad Ritblat, looking over the balcony at EMI house that was used on the Beatles cover *Please, Please Me*

Bradford & Bingley narrows its margins

By Anne Ashworth

CUTTING jobs and offering better deals for savers and borrowers caused a fall in half-year profits at the Bradford & Bingley, Britain's second-largest building society.

This narrowing of margins *is likely to continue because* the society, which is eager to *demonstrate to the public* the advantages of mutuality, said yesterday that it would be delaying an increase in its mortgage rate, currently 7.70 per cent.

Other major lenders, including Halifax, last week raised their rates to 8.45 per cent, in response to the latest bank base rate move. The new loan rate at the Nationwide Building Society, another mutuality devotee, is 8.10 per cent. The Bradford & Bingley will also be raising its savers' rates by as much as 0.30 per cent on August 24.

Bradford & Bingley profits were £47.7 million, down from *£52.7 million in the first six* months of 1996.

A cost-cutting programme, which was begun last year when Christopher Rodrigues took over as chief executive, resulted in a £5.8 million exceptional charge to profits. Some 300 jobs have been lost in the "downsizing" exercise, most of them through early retirement or natural wastage. The total cost of the programme, *which is principally* aimed at reducing head office overheads, may be more than £20 million.

Bradford & Bingley saw a £10.2 million fall in its net interest receipts (interest earned from borrowers, less interest paid out to savers). *The fall reflects the society's* commitment to lower mortgages rates and higher returns for savers, the tangible proof of its wish to retain its traditional status.

Bradford & Bingley's Rewards Today, Rewards Tomorrow scheme is designed as a substitute for the windfalls being paid to members of converting societies. Mr Rodrigues said: "Our lower margins, re*duced expenses and higher re*turns for savers demonstrate the virtues of mutuality."

Carpetbaggers helped savings balances to grow by £383 million, to £11.7 billion, during the first half of the year. In *spite of its oft-stated wish to* stay mutual, the Bradford & *Bingley is often cited* as a likely takeover target for a bank or an insurance company. To deter speculators, the society's basic minimum investment level is £500.

During the period, the Bradford & Bingley bought the £1.5 billion Mortgage Express loan book from Mortgage Express. The society said yesterday that it would securitise some £1 billion of it *and sell it on to investors.*

Ritblat looks at Beatles landmark

By Adam Jones

CONRAD RITBLAT, the fast-growing property investor and consultancy, pleased the City with a 102 per cent rise in profits yesterday, but disappointed pop nostalgists *by saying it might demolish* a Beatles landmark.

Pre-tax profits rose to £3.2 million from £1.58 million for the year to May 31. Net asset value rose from 255p to 288p per share. The shares rose 11½p to 281½p yesterday, close to a 12-month high.

Ritblat said property consultancy fee income rose from £18.8 million to £25.7 million. Rental income rose from £2.2 *million to £3.5 million.*

It sold the majority of office *and industrial properties in* the regions for a £400,000 profit on book value after the year-end, to concentrate investment on London property.

Ritblat spent £10.3 million in April on one of West London's pop landmarks, the EMI offices on Manchester Square where the Beatles posed for the cover of *Please, Please Me.*

Philip Lewis, chief executive, said it might be demolished *to make* way *for* a 100,000 sq ft office development, taking advantage of the Heathrow rail link that will stop nearby. Another option is refurbishment. Ritblat also hopes to expand the attractions at the Astoria theatre near Oxford Street, where it has the *head lease* and an option to buy the freehold.

The company made a profit of £127,000 on the disposal of *nine traditional pub proper*ties in the provinces, in spite of suggestions in the brewing industry that these sites are dying at the hands of huge themed pubs in the city centres. It owns 100 more.

A *final dividend* of 5.61p (4.675p) will be paid on October 31, *for a total of 7.59p (6.325p).*

EDS cutting 900 jobs in Europe

By Jason Nissé

EDS, *the US* computer services group that has taken on *much of the running of the In*land Revenue, is making 900 staff redundant across Europe, with half of the redundancies expected to be in the UK.

The group is closing its computer processing centre in Swindon, which it inherited as part of a £1.5 billion deal with the Revenue, with the loss of 200 jobs. It is making further *cuts by getting rid of tasks that* it did not think were needed within the group and it is also redeploying more than 1,000 staff to take over tasks done by contractors and freelancers.

Two months ago *The Times* reported a letter to staff from John Bateman, EDS's Euro*pean chief, who said the group* needed to cut *its* head count by up to 2,000 in Europe and *asked employees to tell him of* "a position which can eliminated, a contractor who can be replaced by an EDS employee or an open job that need not be filled", adding: "It's your own job you're preserving."

Many of those leaving are still covered by Civil Serivce contracts because they transferred from the Inland Revenue. *Computer Weekly*, the trade magazine, claims that EDS has put aside $90 *million* (£56 million) to cover redundancy costs, equivalent to a payoff of more than £60,000 a person. In the US, the group is cutting 1,100 staff, but is paying an average of only £9,000 a *person in* redundancy.

PA Consulting parts company with chairman

By Jon Ashworth

PA Consulting Group, one of Britain's top management *consultancies, has been* rocked by the sudden resignation of its chairman and group chief executive — hard on the heels of a damaging Inland Revenue investigation.

Jon Moynihan, who combined the top roles, is said to have fallen out with PA's majority shareholder over reforms to the firm's ownership *and governance structure.* PA said his departure was not *linked to the Revenue inquiry*, which saw the firm pay an estimated £11 million in back taxes linked to expenses claims. He leaves at the end of the year, and the search for a successor has begun.

Mr Moynihan, 49, joined PA *in 1992 after ten years with* First Manhattan Consulting Group in New York, where he played a prominent role in the firm's growth in financial services consulting. Educated at Balliol College, Oxford, North London Polytechnic, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he previously worked for McKinsey in Europe.

PA said Mr Moynihan's *departure was precipitated* by problems in its discussions with the Butten Trust, which was originally linked to Ernest Butten, who founded PA in 1943. The trust owns 71 per cent of PA. Its beneficiaries are past and present PA employees.

Mr Moynihan said: *"Though I was not planning to leave at this time. I know that* the firm is currently very highly rated in the marketplace and that there is a broad base of ability which will ensure the continued success for PA." He added that 1997 results were "considerably ahead" of last year, in spite of the strength of the pound.

PA settled its difficulties *with the Revenue late last* year. The sum was not disclosed, but the firm *made* provision for a hefty potential liability in its 1995 accounts.

Clients have included the Stock Exchange, BAT Industries, the BBC and British Airways, as well as the Government, which has used PA in connection with large con*sulting contracts.*

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LEGAL NOTICES

BARNARD, ELSIE CLARA BARNARD, SPINSTER late of Kennington, London SE11 died there on 25 February 1997
(Estate about £7,000)

BINDING nee WATSON, HENRIETTA BINDING nee WATSON, WIDOW late of *Newport, Gwent* died there on 26 March 1997
(Estate about £35,000)

BLENKEY, JAMES ANTHONY BLENKEY *late of Redworth*, Darlington died there on 29 June 1997
(Estate about £96,000)

CHESTER, ALAN CHESTER late of Hertford died at Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire on 8 March 1996
(Estate about £40,000)

GOUGH nee MORGAN, SOPHIA GOUGH nee MORGAN, WIDOW late of Chelmsford, Essex died there on 14 January 1997
(Estate about £6,000)

LAMBKIN, STANLEY GEORGE JAMES LAMBKIN late of Whitstable, Kent died there on 15 May 1997
(Estate about £15,000)

MASON nee JOHNSON, AMELIA JANE MASON nee JOHNSON, WIDOW *late of Thetford, Norfolk* died Bury, St Edmonds, Suffolk on 14 March 1997
(Estate about £115,000)

MICAL, STANISLAW MICAL late of Derby died there on 1 January 1997
(Estate about £60,000)

CORNISH, ALFRED CHARLES WILLIAM CORNISH late of Salisbury, Wiltshire died there on 19 January 1997
(Estate about £8,000)

DALTON, LOTTIE DALTON, WIDOW late of Barking, Essex died there on 22 March 1997
(Estate about £4,700)

FEAVERYEAR, WILLIAM CYRIL FEAVERYEAR late of Finsbury Park, London N4 died at *Hackney, London E8 on 20 July* 1996
(Estate about £11,400)

GORZNY, STANISLAWA GORZNY late of Peterborough, Cambridgeshire died there on 19 May 1995
(Estate about £5,500)

MURPHY, JAMES ALBERT MURPHY otherwise **JAMES MURPHY** otherwise **JAMES ALBERT ARTHUR MURPHY** late of Nottingham died there on 1 May 1996
(Estate about £55,000)

SIMMONDS, GEORGE WILLIAM SIMMONDS *otherwise* **GEORGE SIMMONDS** late of Bedford died there on 8 February 1997
(Estate about £39,000)

STUDART, STANLEY PERCIVAL STUDART late of Hove, East Sussex died there on 5 October 1996
(Estate about £9,000)

The kin of the above-named are requested to apply to the Treasury *Solicitor* (BV), Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JS, failing which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
IN BANKRUPTCY
IN THE LINCOLN COUNTY
COURT No. 48 of 1997

RE: WILLIAM FALCUS (also known as William Leach) unemployed of 50 Woolsthorpe Road, Colsterworth, Nr Grantham, Lincs and lately residing at Primrose Cottage, Broadwood Kelly, Winkleigh, Devon and lately carrying on business as BSB Electronics at 39 Bathurst Road, Orton Goldhay, Peterborough.

On 4 July 1997 the above-named Court made a Bankruptcy Order against the above-named debtor.

NOTE:- All debts due to the estate should be paid to me.

Date 18 August 1997

F G O'Hare, Official Receiver
Chaddesden House
77 Talbot Street
Nottingham, NG1 5GA

THE ZOO LIMITED IN LIQUIDATION

Notice is hereby given that the Creditors of the above-named Company which is being voluntarily wound-up, are required, on or before 20th September 1997 to send their names and addresses with particulars of their debts or claims to John C. Moran, of Parkin S. Booth & Co, 44 Old Hall Street, Liverpool L3 9EB, the Liquidator of the said Company, and if so required by notice in writing by the said Liquidator are personally or by their Solicitors to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

J.C. MORAN, LIQUIDATOR

Broadleaf Service Stations Limited
The Insolvency Act and Rules 1986

In *accordance with Rule 4.106*, I, Dilip K Dattani of BDO Stoy Hayward, Foxhall Lodge, Gregory Boulevard, Nottingham, NG7 6LH, *give notice that on 15 August 1997 I was appointed Liquidator of Broadleaf Service* Stations Limited by resolutions *of members and creditors.* Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above named company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before 26 September 1997 to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Dilip K Dattani of Foxhall Lodge, Gregory Boulevard, Nottingham, NG7 6LH, the Liquidator of the said company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be *excluded from the benefit of any distribution.*

Dated: 15 August 1997

Dilip K Dattani Liquidator

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF LIQUIDATOR AND
NOTICE TO CREDITORS TO CLAIM

ARM Property Services (NW) Limited

Principal Trading Address:
6 The Grove
Parkgate Industrial Estate
Knutsford
Cheshire

Company Number:
2048871

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant *to Rule 4.106 of the* Insolvency Rules 1986 that on 30 July 1997, John Wilson was appointed Liquidator of the above named company.

Creditors of the company who have not already done so should submit their claims in writing to the Liquidator.

John Wilson, LIQUIDATOR
Deloitte & Touche
201 Deansgate
Manchester, M60 2AT

The Insolvency Act 1986
MILLENNIUM PLASTERERS LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN *pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986* that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on *12th September 1997* at 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 *et seq of the said Act.*

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA, of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the said *Act* who will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may *reasonably* require.

Dated this 18th day of August 1997.

By Order of the Board
D BRITTON, Director

IN THE MATTER OF
BRIMELL LIMITED
AND
THE *INSOLVENCY ACT* 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting of the creditors of the above named company convened under the provisions of S98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, and held on 8 August 1997, I, Melvyn Julian Carter, of Carter Backer Winter, Hill House, Highgate Hill, London, N19 5UU was duly appointed Liquidator of the company.

M J Carter, Liquidator

Dated this fourteenth day of August 1997

PUBLIC NOTICE BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ELECTRICITY SUPPLY
FOR NORTHERN IRELAND
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DISPOSAL BY NORTHERN IRELAND ELECTRICITY *PLC* OF LANDS AT
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The Director General of Electricity Supply for Northern Ireland (hereafter referred to as *"the Director"*) in accordance with his general duties in Article 6 of the Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992 and pursuant to paragraph 4 of the Direction dated 21 October 1993 issued under paragraph 1 of Condition 12 of Part III of the Licence granted to NIE hereby gives notice as follows:

1. The Director proposes to consent to the assignment or transfer by NIE to third parties of all estate or interest of NIE in the land within that part of landbank shown on the plan marked "Camlough Mountain" in Schedule 9 to the licence.
2. Copies of the proposed consent are available *free of charge* from the Director at the Office for the Regulation of Electricity and Gas, Brookmount Buildings, *42 Fountain Street, Belfast, BT1 5EE.*
3. Representations or objections with respect to the proposed consent may be made on or before Thursday 18th September 1997 to the Director at the above address.

Douglas B McIldoon, Director General of Electricity Supply for Northern Ireland.

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Hays strengthens European wing

By Chris Ayres

HAYS, the logistics and business services group, yesterday announced the acquisition of two logistics businesses in continental Europe from Mayne Nickless for a total of £93.4 million.

Hays bought FDS, based in France, and Van der Heijden, *which operates in the Benelux* region, for Fr717 million (£72 *million).* In addition, Hays will take on borrowing and finance leases of Fr213 *million.* Ronnie Frost, chairman, said: "What I would like to do is move all our commercial core activities to the Continent. In logistics you have to be European. Large retailers want to talk to someone who can move throughout Europe, not just Britain and France."

FDS has six million sq ft of warehouses in France, which Hays said would complement its existing logistics business, *while van der Heijden has two* million sq ft of warehouses in *Holland and Belgium, which* would complement Bijsterbosch, its Dutch distribution company.

The combined operating profit of the two businesses for the year ended July 6 was Fr87.5 million on sales of Fr1.498 billion. Total net assets were Fr671 million. Hays said a substantial increase in profits was expected for the year to June 30, with the acquisitions set to enhance earnings in their first year, after integration costs of £5 million.

Mr Frost predicted the newly-acquired *businesses would* add at least £5 million to pre*tax profits for* 1997-98, and improve earnings per share by a *minimum of 3 per cent.* He also said that he was "very comfortable" with analysts' pre-tax profit forecasts of between £153 million and £155 million for the year that ended in June, compared to £132 million the previous year.

Frost: 'very comfortable'

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

A&L staff attack plan for part-time working

ALLIANCE & LEICESTER, the building society turned bank, has come under fire from its staff union over plans to *move* 400 staff to part-time contracts for less pay, and over the closure of 18 branches next month. Andrew Nurse, *chairman of Algus*, the group union of staff that represents 3,800 of the 5,000 staff, said last night that the proposed changes in working conditions "were significant enough to create a problem if anything untoward were to happen in branches other than normal daily levels of business".

Mr Nurse said the moves by Alliance & Leicester, which last week reported a 3 per cent fall in interim pre-tax profits to £178 million after £28 million of *conversion costs,* followed a survey by a US management consultancy firm. Alliance & Leicester, headed by Peter White, *said that staff* would be offered a compensation package for up to a year to cover loss of earnings and *benefits caused* by the switch from full-time to part-time working.

More users for Ionica

IONICA, the wireless phone company, said its customer base rose 55 per cent as it rolled out its network in the East of England and in the Midlands. In the quarter to June 30, it gained almost 8,800 customers, making *24,600. Hoare Govett,* the securities firm, expects about 55,000 by March 1998. Pre-tax losses in the quarter were £30.3 *million, against a* £1.26 million loss in the period last year, on revenue of £1.96 million, *up from £26,000. Results were in line* with expectations.

Bodycote races ahead

SHARES in Bodycote, the specialist engineering company, rose 35p to 942½p yesterday after it reported a rise in pre-tax profits to £23.5 million from £12.6 million in the six months to June 30. Turnover was £99.9 million, up from £61.4 million. Earnings were 19.8p a share, up from 13.3p. A 3.5p *interim* dividend (2.6p) will be paid on December 31. The company is planning to expand *its overseas operations,* which account for 68 per cent of its profits.

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Fisher confirms disposal

SHARES in Albert Fisher, the food producer, rose ¼p to 40p after it confirmed that it intended to dispose of its seafood operations. Albert Fisher said that it had decided to concentrate on its expertise in fruit, vegetables, salads, sauces and dressings. The company said that it wanted to enhance its position in these high-growth healthy eating markets. It added that proposals relating to the sale of the seafood operations would be put to shareholders.

Trinity buys Irish paper

TRINITY INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS, the regional press group, has bought Post Publications, owner of *The Sunday Business Post* in the Irish Republic, for Ir£5.55 million (£4.9 million). The deal follows last year's purchase of the *Belfast Telegraph*. Post Publications was controlled by Barbara Nugent, chief executive, Damien Kiberd, editor, and Aileen O'Toole, deputy editor, each of whom owned 20.8 per cent. Verlag & Norman Rentrop, a German publisher, owned the rest.

LIG adds new brand

LONDON INTERNATIONAL GROUP, the health care group, has bought the Topaz condom brand from a *Monaco* company for £1.3 million in cash. LIG has acquired the brand, its patents and related assets from Motech. LIG said: "Underpinned by LIG's strong sales and distribution network, we are confident in our ability to further develop the Topaz brand on a worldwide basis." LIG shares remained unchanged at 166½p yesterday.

Steel company advances

RICHARDSONS WESTGARTH, the steel stockholder, said *there were clear signs that price increases were holding in all* products after falling to their lowest level for many years during the first half of 1997. The company was *reporting a 19 per cent* rise in pre-tax profits to £2.96 million for the six months to the June 30, with volumes increasing by 15 per cent. Earnings of 5.3p a share compare with 4.5p previously. The interim dividend is increased to 1.6p a share from 1.4p. The shares rose 6p to 88½p.

BLP raises payout

BLP GROUP, the manufacturer of wood veneer surfaces, is increasing its interim dividend to 2.5p a share, from 1.5p, after *reporting a rise in pre-tax profits to* £1.25 million, from £802,000, in the six months to June 30. Earnings rose to 14.6p a share from 10.6p. Turnover from continuing *operations* was £16.7 million, putting it 16.1 per cent higher. Operating profits overall rose by 37 per cent to £1.4 million. The company said that it was encouraged by trading levels in the third quarter.

Edinburgh Oil profit dip

EDINBURGH OIL & GAS, the UK exploration and production company, *reported a decline in net profits* to £379,000, from £413,000, for the six months to June 30, reflecting *lower* investment income after the *acquisition of* DSM Energy (UK). Average daily production was up 23.6 per cent to 1,169 barrels of oil equivalent per day, helping to lift turnover by 14.8 per cent to £2.34 million. The company embarked on a seven-well drilling programme this month.

Armitage steady

ARMITAGE BROTHERS, the pet *products* group, attributed slower second-half sales growth to a general weakening in the pet product markets, which left pre-tax profits unchanged at £1.4 million in the year to June 1. Earnings per share rose to 23.7p from 22.9p previously. The *shares* remained steady at 250p as the company announced an unchanged final dividend of 4.1p a share, *taking the total dividend* to 7.4p from 7.2p a year earlier.

M&S calls for cut in gas tax

MARKS & SPENCER has called on the Government to cut fuel taxes on natural gas in a drive to stimulate more use of the fuel. The retailer is to replace some of its diesel-powered lorries with trucks powered by liquefied natural gas and wants the Government to cut the tax on the fuel from 21p per kilogram to 10p.

Along with BOC Distribution Services, Marks & Spencer *has urged the cut* to bring the UK in line with other European countries. LNG is more environmentally friendly than diesel, with emissions from 25 natural gas vehicles equal to those from one diesel-powered vehicle. But LNG trucks cost nearly 50 per cent more than diesel lorries.

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.25	2.08
Austria Sch	21.74	20.08
Belgium Fr	64.02	59.06
Canada $	2.345	2.157
Cyprus Cyp£	0.909	0.838
Denmark Kr	11.82	10.99
Finland Mkk	9.35	8.60
France Fr	10.3	9.61
Germany Dm	3.11	2.86
Greece Dr	488	449
Hong Kong $	13.12	11.92
Iceland	127	107
Ireland Pt	1.59	1.07
Israel Shk	5.845	5.29
Italy Lira	3048	2809
Japan Yen	202.83	185.10
Malta	0.673	0.614
Netherlds Gld	3.510	3.215
New Zealand $	2.65	2.41
Norway Kr	12.89	11.85
Portugal Esc	311.05	289.00
S Africa Rd	8.27	7.31
Spain Pta	260.29	241.50
Sweden Kr	13.84	12.55
Switzerland Fr	2.57	2.35
Turkey Lira	272719	252841
USA $	1.698	1.556

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Kept in the dark over Anite

COMMENTARY
by our City Editor

Inside the Stock Exchange tower, teams of clever people labour on investigations. One can only wonder why, for they appear to find pitifully little that is incriminating and, even when they do turn up something nasty, the Exchange is loath to do anything about it.

This week, at the end of not one but two investigations into its affairs, a wet lettuce leaf was wafted gently in the direction of Anite. Such a reaction is hardly likely to deter others from doing what the Exchange discovered this company had done, namely to have misled the stock market and, subsequently, compounded that offence by misleading a Stock Exchange inquiry.

There is to be no public censure of the company and the directors who were involved are free to continue providing their services to other companies. Roger Holland, for instance, now sits on the board of buns to guns conglomerate, Tomkins.

Investors should feel less than comfortable with the way they are kept in the dark.

Part of the problem lies with the inherent weakness in the Exchange's powers to punish, part with its preference for its culture of secrecy.

Public censure is a rarely used sanction — last deployed in June last year, when Clondalkin, the Irish packaging group, was reprimanded for a deficient and unapproved acquisition circular.

More often, investigations conclude with private censures that leave no one any the wiser except the offending companies, their directors and advisers. With the Exchange tongue-tied because of the Financial Services Act, the significance of past misdemeanours is easily denied or played down, as Anite has so capably demonstrated.

As those who have been paying attention may recall, *The Times* believes the company, when it was still called Cray Electronics, seriously misled the stock market about the mounting losses within its data communications business. The Exchange had already carried out one investigation when fresh documents came to light, showing that those at the highest levels of the company had extensive knowledge of the problems months before the April 1995 profits warning, the start of a downward spiral which has since wiped out almost £300 million of shareholders' investments.

Prompted by the new evidence, the Exchange decided to take a second look, and found fresh fault with Anite — not least, that the company had withheld important information from the earlier inquiry. However, you have only got our word for that. All Anite told its shareholders this week was that: "The Stock Exchange has drawn certain matters to the company's attention." Investors can be forgiven for shrugging: so what?

But while the Stock Exchange feels it is unable to censure the directors who were involved because they are no longer with the company, a change of address would not normally shift culpability.

Getting the measure of the boom

Question: When is a boom not a boom? Answer: When the Government does not wish to see interest rates rise.

So the official line on yesterday's retail sales figures is that, despite showing the highest rate of growth since the heady days of the eighties spending spree, this does not really count as a boom. What we have here is just consumers parting with some of their building society windfalls, but remaining careful about how they use their cash.

This analysis may be fairly accurate. I suspect that it is. The fact is that we do not know and the gratifying sight of rival economists producing very different instant reactions to the figures makes that perfectly clear.

The retail sales figures are, anyhow, prone to regular retrospective readjustments, so the numbers that were reeled off yesterday should be handled carefully by the Bank of England's monetary policy committee. The Chancellor's handpicked team of interest rate adjusters has already indicated that it will take a breather and allow the results of its recent endeavours to register before deciding whether another turn of the base rate screw is required.

What the MPC needs to establish was what the Office of National Statistics was yesterday trying to estimate: can the uplift in consumer spending be accounted for simply by windfalls or do people feel they can spend more of their earned income, encouraged by a growing feeling of job security which is beginning to show up in opinion polls.

In either case, whether or not the politicians would prefer to avoid the term, the high street is clearly enjoying a boom. The question is whether it is to be a short-lived, but enjoyable, interlude or something more sustaining for the shops and their shareholders alike.

Anecdotal evidence from retailers is that there is not a change in the national spending psyche, and that the continuing price consciousness of customers will ensure that inflation does not let rip. They argue that the leap in clothing sales last month owes more to the vagaries of the weather than economics and that the upsurge in household sales is a reflection of windfall spending.

The retailers are, of course, talking their own book in saying, when in earshot of the Bank, that this is a short-term spree that does not need quelling with another interest rate hike. The fact that most are whispering the same tale to analysts indicates that they believe it to be true.

BAT ready to drive a hard bargain

Chris Smith, the Heritage Secretary, might have guessed he would encounter a few difficulties in his efforts to stop tobacco companies using sporting events to promote the evil weed. His ill-conceived tussle with the chaps at Camelot will hardly have prepared him for taking on the force of the international heavyweights.

They were not likely to simply accept a ban on sponsorship and now it seems that BAT is determined to buy itself a Formula One team to race around the grand prix tracks in the interests of encouraging people to smoke. Mr Smith may ban BAT from plastering the names of its cigarette brands around the track or even plastering them on the sides of cars, but if the team races under the Lucky Strike label, what is the poor commentator to do?

People at BAT know a bit about advertising and sponsorship and the likelihood is that they have thought this issue through rather more than the unfortunate Mr Smith.

If he curtails their promotional opportunities in one direction, they will seek others, and investing £250 million on buying a top-flight racing team may look like a bargain given the international coverage that grand prix racing now collects. In fact, it is BAT's sales drive in the Third World that is likely to be the biggest beneficiary of its arrival behind the Formula One wheel.

But putting the sanctimonious Mr Smith on the spot will be a delightful bonus, to be savoured over a relaxing smoke.

Corporate coolness

SOME companies still fail to be cowed by the corporate governors. Wintrust Securities, a tiddler in the banking sector, boasts a refreshing dearth of remuneration and audit committees, perhaps because it has not a single non-executive director to sit upon them. This does not deter such proper investors as Prudential and M&G from holding chunks of the stock. Perhaps they like the company's profit record rather than its pronouncements.

Rentokil wrings bigger profits from BET takeover

By Paul Durman

RENTOKIL Initial, the cleaning and pest control group, said yesterday its latest results showed how it could wring bigger profits from the businesses acquired in last year's £2.2 billion takeover of BET.

The group's half-year pretax profits of £193.9 million were a 44.2 per cent improvement on the previous period, which included only two months from Initial and the other BET businesses. This enabled Rentokil Initial again to hit its target of 20 per cent earnings growth, despite profits being cut by £14.3 million by the strength of sterling. Earnings per share rose 20.3 per cent to 4.74p.

Sir Clive Thompson, chief executive, pointed to the performance of the personnel services division, which largely consists of BET's recruitment agencies, for "what Rentokil's management can do to BET's businesses".

Turnover in personnel services grew by 177 per cent to £161.3 million, but profits grew much faster, by 432 per cent to £11.7 million. Sir Clive said this had been achieved by concentrating on more profitable sectors and regions. He said there were good opportunities for further margin improvements.

Sir Clive said the group had now put in place the management team for its enlarged business and had not been distracted by the integration problems that damaged the last set of results. Without the impact from the strong pound, Rentokil Initial would have achieved earnings growth of 28.4 per cent.

The results were well received in the City, and the group's shares rose 3p to 217½p.

Sir Clive said he expected about 30,000 of the group's 80,000 UK employees to be directly or indirectly affected by the Government's planned minimum wage legislation. He expects to be able to pass most extra costs to customers.

Sir Clive again set out his 20 per cent target, pointing to the group's scope to continue its record by expanding expansion in continental Europe and South-East Asia. He said: "In theory we have the opportunity to grow by that amount for 50 years. It depends on competition, innovation and economic cycles. It [the target] is as difficult now as it was 15 years ago, ten years ago or five years ago. It was always hard."

Hygiene and cleaning is now the group's biggest business, increasing profits by 47 per cent to £81.4 million on sales of £416.5 million. The original pest control business, which suffered a fall in profits in the UK last year, reported a 7 per cent fall in profits to £33.1 million.

Sir Clive said the 20.3 per cent increase in the interim dividend to 0.89p a share, to be paid on November 6, indicated the board's continuing confidence.

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Roy Bishko, chairman, is expecting a good profits contribution from Knot Shops

Tie Rack acquires US rival

TIE RACK, the retailer of ties, scarves and accessories, has acquired a smaller American rival, the Knot Shops, for $2.5 million (£1.6 million) cash (Sarah Cunningham writes).

The Knot Shop has 21 stores in 12 states in the US, including two airport stores. They will continue to trade under their own name. Tie Rack already has 39 stores in the US, part of of its worldwide chain of 440 stores in 28 countries. No warehouse, central office or executive staff have been taken over. The Knot Shops will be serviced, along with the group's other overseas operations, from Tie Rack's central distribution facility in West London.

Roy Bishko, chairman of Tie Rack, said: "I expect a good contribution to profits, without significantly adding to our overhead."

City is surprised by pump-driven success at Weir

By Mark Court

WEIR GROUP, the pumps, valves and engineering services company, far exceeded City expectations yesterday by revealing a 44 per cent increase in interim profits.

Viscount Weir, chairman, attacked the City for prompting undue fears about the impact of sterling on the company as he announced interim pre-tax profits of £27.8 million, compared with £19.2 million last time. He said: "The market ought to be more selective, more professional and make a deeper analysis of whether a business really is affected or not."

The pumps business was the star performer in the first six months, benefiting from a long-awaited upturn in demand and rising margins. Paul Compton, analyst at broker Merrill Lynch, said: "After five years of difficulty in the world pump market, the cycle has finally turned. Pump demand will be very strong for the next three years."

Analysts, who are now upgrading their 1997 forecasts, also expect strong growth in the company's valves and engineering services businesses. Merrill Lynch expects full-year profits of £60 million, against £48.8 million last year.

Orders worth £345 million were won during the first six months, up by 21 per cent on the same period a year ago. These should help to lift turnover, which remained almost static at £318 million (£314 million), increasing pressure on the company to use its cash pile on acquisitions.

Although the company is likely to make two small purchases in the second half, in the UK and Brazil, Lord Weir said: "We are a bit put off by people asking prices that we think are rather high."

An interim dividend of 2.54p is due on 10 November.

Wassall's US disposal fuels bid speculation

By Eric Reguly

SPECULATION that Wassall, the bottle tops to glue conglomerate, is close to making an acquisition increased yesterday after the company sold its remaining 19.5 per cent stake in General Cable for $143 million (£90 million).

Wassall sold the shares in the American cable manufacturer at $31 each. This raises its total proceeds from various General Cable disposals, including the amount from the initial public offering, to $763 million. Wassall said that the money would be invested in existing businesses and "other suitable opportunities", but would not elaborate.

The General Cable sale increases Wassall's cash pile to more than £300 million. Analysts think that Wassall is likely to make acquisitions that would enlarge its existing businesses. The company holds stakes in McBride, the maker of household and personal care products, and TLG, the commercial and industrial lighting group.

BG heading for pricing clash with watchdog

By Christine Buckley, Industrial Correspondent

A POTENTIAL legal clash between BG and Ofgas loomed yesterday after the company submitted its latest demands in the battle over Transco's pricing proposals. It is also keeping a close eye on another regulatory legal clash.

BG and Ofgas are at odds over a revenue cap proposed by Clare Spottiswoode, the industry regulator, when she sets out licence amendments to implement a Monopolies and Mergers Commission recommendation on pricing curbs for BG's pipeline network.

BG has agreed to the MMC ruling, which could deliver bill cuts of £29 per year, but argues that a cap on all revenues is not what the MMC intended.

Spottiswoode: cap plan

A spokeswoman said that BG was "watching developments with interest" in the case of Northern Ireland Electricity, which has gone for a judicial review after its regulator ignored some of an MMC recommendation in pricing plans.

The NIE clash is seen as a test case. BG said that it was working with Ofgas to implement the exact measures of the MMC but would "review that position if the need arose".

Ofgas is keen to put a cap on all revenues of Transco rather than a proportion, as was outlined in the MMC recommendation, because the amount of gas running through the pipes could vary and the company could gain more profits. A spokesman said that a decision on the revenue cap would be made by early next month.

Meanwhile, City speculation is increasing that BG could mount a £1 billion share buyback when its interim figures are published next month. Simon Flowers, gas analyst at NatWest Securities, said: "The company could return up to £1.25 billion to shareholders quite easily."

BG would not comment on the expectations although the company has held a series of meetings with analysts recently.

American group defends former Capital director

By Dominic Walsh

OGDEN CORPORATION, the US entertainment group, has spoken out in defence of Kenneth Thompson, the former Capital Corporation director accused of conspiring to harm the gaming group.

In a writ issued on Tuesday, Capital alleged that Mr Thompson had acted for Ogden in connection with a proposed deal to acquire London's Cromwell Mint casino at the same that Capital was trying to acquire it.

But Chris Raphael, the British-born head of Ogden's casino division, said yesterday: "I don't know of a more proper person that Kenneth. He's old-fashioned and completely straightforward in his approach and totally aware of his responsibilities."

Mr Raphael, who ran London's Claremont Club for Playboy in the Seventies, admitted Ogden had contacted Mr Thompson after it became aware he had resigned from Capital's board. But the discussions had never progressed beyond the informal stage.

He also confirmed that Ogden had approached Capital offering to take on the management of its two London clubs, Crockfords and the Colony Club. "We had read about the management problems at Capital and we felt we could put together a pretty good team, but it never reached that stage."

The failure of Alan Hearn and Garry Nesbitt, respectively chief executive and former chairman of Capital, to inform the board of Ogden's initial approach last November is just one of a series of allegations made against Capital's management. Those allegations prompted Capital to issue a writ claiming damages against Mr Thompson, Des Pereira, former acting head of finance, and Guy Hutchinson, former head of purchasing.

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Ronnie helps Vimto to a purple patch

By Dominic Walsh

PURPLE RONNIE, the cartoon character behind Vimto's £1 million summer advertising campaign, is putting a smile on the face of JN Nichols, the Manchester manufacturer of the fruit cordial.

The company, whose catchline is "Vimto puts a smile on your face", yesterday reported a 10.2 per cent rise in pre-tax profits in the first half of 1997 to £4.2 million on turnover up from £35.4 million to £36.1 million.

Although volumes in June came in 20 per cent below budget due to the wet weather, the subsequent heatwave, aided by Purple Ronnie, should see the company achieve analysts' full-year profit forecasts of around £10.5 million.

John Nichols, managing director, whose grandfather invented Vimto in 1908, said around half the 200 million litres of the cordial sold annually were now consumed abroad, notably in Russia and the Middle East, where the company supplies concentrate to local franchisees. This had helped to offset a reduction in demand as a result of the strength of sterling.

He said the company, which also runs contract packaging and food supply businesses, was even seeing an improvement in the South of England, which has traditionally proved a tough nut to crack. "Part of the success is the result of increased distribution, in particular through corner shops and garage forecourts," he said.

Earnings per share, helped by a share buyback programme, rose from 6.44p to 7.45p, while the interim dividend, payable on October 27, has been raised by 10.2 per cent to 2.7p.

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STOCK MARKET CLARE STEWART

Regulator's ruling lights up the electricity sector

John Chesworth, of Bodycote, up 35p on strong results

THE electricity sector switched into gains as the generators led the way among the FTSE 100 top performers.

Kinder than expected proposals on price cuts from the electricity regulator helped **PowerGen** to jump 35p to 761½p, a rise of nearly 5 per cent, while **National Power** moved up 23p to 539½p. The generators were also lifted by the absence of a price cap on the pool price, though the way in which pool prices are set remains under review.

Among the distributors **ScottishPower** put on 11p to 431½p, while **Southern Electric** added 6p to 461p.

The focus on the electricity sector provided some substantial food for a market thin on volumes and inspiring news.

Shares followed a more confident track, helped once again by Wall Street's overnight lead and later its firm opening. A raft of data, including retail sales and bank lending, made little impact on sentiment, said traders.

At the close the FTSE 100 was 44.2 points higher at 4,958.4, a few points below its peak. Volumes remained modest at 675 million.

Exporters were squeezed by concerns over the strength of sterling. **GKN** lost 45p to £11.92½ and **Siebe** was off 28½p at £10.96½. A broker's sell recommendation also hit **Tomkins**, which retreated 10p to 317½p, while **TI Group** fell back 10½p to 581½p.

BTR was once again busy, with over 25 million shares traded, though the price retreated after its recent rises on the back of disposal speculation, and ended 8½p lower at 219p after profit-taking.

Oil stocks were in demand, with **BP** continuing to rise in the wake of a large discovery off the Angolan coast. BP has a 16.67 per cent stake in the Dalia field. BP yesterday rose 34p to 893p. **Shell** also motored ahead, adding 5p to 435½p after recent broker upgrades. **Burmah Castrol** ended 18½p higher at £10.87½p.

Cairn Energy put on 17p before easing back to end 8½p at 531½p, while **Premier Oil** rose 2¾p to 46¼p.

JKX Oil & Gas was unchanged at 42½p despite talk of moves to block its agreed bid from Ramco by Ukr-Gazprom, the Ukrainian state owned operator of oil. **BG** rose 5p to 259p as speculation continued that a large-scale buyback will be announced when the group reports interim results early next month. The shares previously peaked at 261p.

Among retailers **Dixons** were helped 17½p higher to 639p by a buy recommendation from Salomon Brothers, which is setting a target price of 665p. The brokers also like the look of **Kingfisher**, pencilling in a target price of 775p. The shares rose 7½p to 742p. Other stores had a mixed day in the wake of the retail sales figures. **Next** fell back 12p to 772½p after recent gains, while **Oasis** benefited from a strong buy recommendation from SGST, its house broker, and moved up 7p to 265½p. Retail analyst Nick Bubb at Société Génerale Strauss Turnbull recommends a switch to Oasis from **Laura Ashley**, flagging up the strength of Oasis autumn range. Laura Ashley put on 2p to 57½p.

Sports goods retailers took a tumble on news that Tesco plans to sell Adidas branded goods at low prices. **Blacks Leisure** fell 12½p to 412½p, while **JJB Sports** fell to 466p before closing off a penny at 472½p. Tesco rose 2p to 418½p.

Granada rose 3p to 805½p. Analysts at Kleinwort Benson are buyers of the stock and have set a target price of 940p.

Positive broker talk also boosted **Unilever**, which moved up 38½p to £18.55, while **Reckitt & Colman**, reporting figures next week, rose 9½p to 972p.

The £72 million acquisition of two logistics businesses by **Hays**, the business services group, was well received, and helped the shares to climb 10½p to 600½p.

Better than expected interim results from **Weir** lifted shares in the engineering group to a new high for the year with a 13½p jump to 279½p and triggered profits upgrades for the full year.

Bodycote was also propelled to new heights, after its strong half-time jump. The shares of the metal specialists, headed by John Chesworth, managing director, ended 35p ahead at 942½p.

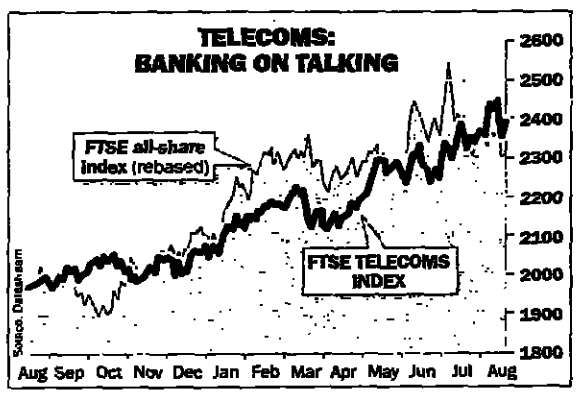
Banks again mopped up buying interest, with the **Halifax**, reporting today, moving up 4½p to 736p. **HSBC** was again in demand and rose 35p to £22.11½ and **Barclays**, after its share buyback, ended 32½p higher at £14.26.

Takeover speculation sent **Boosey & Hawkes** rocketing ahead again, to a new record level of £10.62½, up 165p.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Retail sales figures prompted a flurry of early activity as the market took a positive view of the data. However, trading tailed off as holiday conditions prevailed. In futures, the September series of the long gilt ended up £²⁄₃₂ at £115²⁄₃₂ on volumes of 52,000.

At the long end Treasury 8 per cent 2015 was up £²⁄₃₂ at £110¹⁷⁄₃₂, while Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was also up by a couple of ticks at £102²⁴⁄₃₂.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Blue chips faded from early highs to stay firm in late morning trading. They were outpaced by technology shares. By midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 17.65 ahead at 7,935.75.



ANNOUNCEMENTS by smaller telecoms stocks yesterday switched the sector focus temporarily away from the BT-MCI merger.

Shares in European Telecom, the communication products distributor, jumped 28p to 254p, a new high, after it said at its annual meeting that turnover and profits were substantially ahead of last year. Ionica Group, which floated last month at 390p a share, was unchanged at 376½p after reporting first-quarter results in line with expectations.

The sector, which outperformed the market for the first half of the year, has fallen below the FTSE since the MCI profit warning hit BT shares. BT accounts for about 70 per cent of the sector. Although analysts expect the MCI deal to go through, James McCafferty, of Hoare Govett, says that the outlook for the sector will remain broadly neutral until the benefits of the link-up begin to be seen.

The broker is a buyer of Vodafone, making further progress to close up 7½p to 323p, and Cable & Wireless, which rose 5½p to 572p.

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New York (midday):
Dow Jones 7935.75 (+17.65)
S&P Composite 931.01 (+5.00)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average 19252.23 (+291.23)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 15855.67 (+378.41)

Amsterdam:
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Sydney:
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Billiton	246	+ 4
Blakes Clothing	79½	...
Bristol & West Prf	109¼	...
Cammell Laird	136½	...
EMI B	115	...
Fairfield Ents	117½	...
Fairplace Consulting	3½	...
GR Holdings	55	...
Galen Holdings	195½	- 1
Helicon Pubsig	99	...
Ionica Group	376½	...
Kingfisher Leisure	175½	...
LEPCO	78½	...
Landround	94½	...
Metroline	205	...
Reabourne Merlin	108½	...
SBS Group	109½	...
Severn Trent B	33½	- 1
Stentor Warrants	53½	...
Thorn B	20½	...
Viglen Technology	63½	- 1½

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Golden Land n/p (21)	2	...
Logica n/p (605)	162½	...
Pendragon n/p (265)	2	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
Euro Telecom 254p (+28p)
MAID 237p (+20½p)
T & S Stores 166½p (+10p)
Gearhouse Gp 366½p (+16p)
Bodycote 942½p (+35p)
Br Airways 645p (+21p)
Eurotherm 378p (+11p)
Dixons Gp 639p (+17½p)
Reed Int 573½p (+15p)
Abbey Natl 832½p (+18p)
Skillsgroup 143p (+9p)
Gaskell 325p (+20p)
Colt Telecom 387½p (+16p)

FALLS:
Smith David 202p (-12p)
Cble & Wire Coms 252½p (-13p)
Tomkins 317½p (-10p)
EMI 548p (-10½p)
Laporte 691½p (-11p)

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TEMPUS

Still cleaning up

ONE cannot fault Sir Clive Thompson for chutzpah. While doubts grow about Rentokil Initial's ability to sustain its remarkable earnings growth, Mr 20 Per Cent still starts his presentations with that familiar target.

It looks increasingly demanding for a £3 billion service business that cleans and guards office buildings while sprucing them up with tropical flowers. To put it in context, Zeneca has set itself a five-year target of 15 per cent, and it starts with all the advantages of strong science, intellectual property and rising demand for new pharmaceuticals.

For all that, there are few obvious flaws in the latest figures, which, stripped of currency distortions, show underlying earnings growth of 28.4 per cent. Last year's acquisition of BET makes the going relatively easy at present, and it is impossible to see the full picture because of the refusal to provide "meaningless" pro forma numbers for the group's constituent parts. Still, the rapid improvement in margins being achieved in personnel services and some other areas is an impressive testimony to Rentokil's management skills. Plenty of scope remains as the group continues to shed contracts offering poor returns, focuses on the most profitable market segments and reaps the rewards from stronger branding of the businesses as either Rentokil or Initial. The real test will come in a year or two, when BET is fully digested.

The shares may soon be dogged by worries about the impact of the UK's minimum wage. The group is likely to find it harder to pass on the increased costs than it imagines. At 217½p, the shares trade at about 21 times this year's earnings, and that looks fair.

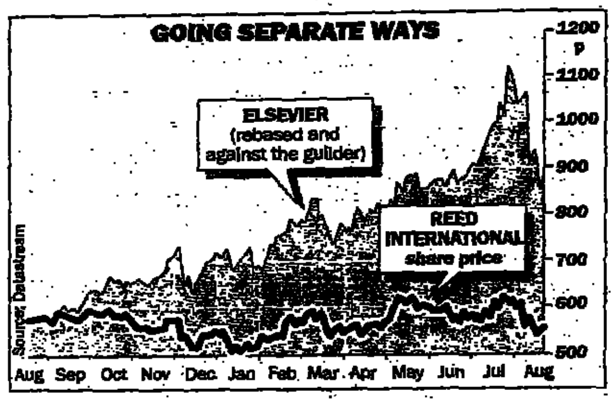
Reed Elsevier

OUR chart shows the remarkable divergence in the share prices of Reed International and Elsevier, two halves of the same publishing group. It is a striking example of the impact of sterling's strength on dual-listed companies.

Reed is a strange animal. Elsevier, the Amsterdam-listed counterpart that owns half of it, sees profits in sterling, but reports earnings in guilders. So in Reed's interim results last month, the Brits heard tales of currency woes and sluggish earnings growth, while in Amsterdam the story was rosier. With no nasty sterling worries, earnings were up some 25 per cent, with every prospect of a repeat for the full year.

With Reed likely to suffer further at the hands of currency in the full year, the temptation to switch into the fast lane must be strong. But all is not what it seems. The Amsterdam market has grown faster than any in Europe over the past year sweeping good, bad and mediocre stocks to often undeserved ratings.

This has left Reed cheaper than Elsevier, on both earnings and cashflow levels, by some 40 per cent. Switching now would be tantamount to hedging against further appreciation of the pound — and jumping in at what may be the peak of a frothy Amsterdam market. With Reed International on a ratio of 19 times in London against Elsevier's 27 times in Amsterdam, patriotism may still win its reward.



Sports shops

MUCH OF the success of sports goods manufacturers such as Adidas and Nike comes from the tight control they have of their markets. They sell to accredited retailers at a high margin, who sell on to consumers at another high margin. Different markets get different prices, with the US generally a lot cheaper. But whatever the level of prices, the key is that they do not move much: the system depends on its rigidity.

A retailer like Tesco crashing in, buying goods behind Adidas' back and selling them at a discount, threatens this. Tesco is the opposite of exclusive, which is why the sports manufacturers — like luxury goods manufacturers — do not want their shoes and clothing sold there. They much prefer the likes of John David Sport, JJB Sports and Blacks Leisure, whose recent prosperity is threatened by Tesco's move.

The whole profitable edifice is not going to collapse without a fight, however. Tesco has a stockpile of only £2 million worth of Adidas goods which will sell quickly and which is unlikely to include the latest, most fashionable, range. After that it will find it difficult to get regular supplies in the unofficial market. The sports retailers are not going to find their market position disappearing overnight, then. But the new threat from the supermarkets, which has the Government's full backing, means they would be unwise to expand quite as fast as they are planning. Investors should be wary.

Bodycote

BODYCOTE's shares are certainly not for bargain hunters. At 942½p they are possibly the most expensive engineering stock on the market, trading at up to 20 times this year's earnings.

Success with metal coatings has given Bodycote a strong run, but there are some possible problems. Bodycote's hot isostatic processing (HIPping) technology, which strengthens components used in the aerospace and automotive industries, has proved a goldmine, but it already has a 70 per cent market share in America. The only way this business can grow is if costs come down and new applications are found. Investors should be sceptical about how long it will take for this market to expand.

Aware of this, Bodycote has pinned its hopes of immediate growth on heat treatment, where it still has only a tiny market share of the world market. This is where its future lies, and it plans to pour money into its plants, increasing efficiency, and delivering high quality services.

Bodycote's record encourages confidence, but the shares are too pricey for all but the brave.

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COMMODITIES

LIFFE

COCOA

Sep	1045-1044	Dec	1148-1147
Dec	1075-1074	Mar	1162-1160
Mar	1093-1092	May	1176-1171
May	1107-1105	Jul	1190-1182
Jul	1120-1118		
Sep	1136-1134		Volume: 4820

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Sep	1520-1516	May	1520-1500
Nov	1545-1540	Jul	1516-1500
Jan	1532 SLR	Sep	unq
Mar	unq		Volume: 4583

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		May	324.0-23.0
Spot: n/a		Aug	322.5-23.0
Oct	325.2-25.0	Oct	319.0-17.0
Dec	323.3-22.8	Dec	317.9-15.0
Mar	325.7-25.0		Volume: 2151

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on August 19

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	98.56	108.51	100.10
(+/-)	-3.95	-4.22	+0.94
Eng/Wales:	98.57	108.37	99.03
(+/-)	-3.86	-4.24	+0.95
(%)	-18.0	-13.0	-8.0
Scotland	71.92	109.05	103.07
(+/-)	-4.63	-4.31	+0.32
(%)	-22.0	+6.0	+11.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.85	-0.05
Brent 15 day (Oct)	19.05	-0.15
Brent 15 day (Nov)	19.10	-0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	20.25	-0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	20.35	-0.20

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	223 (-1)	226 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	171 (-1)	173 (n/c)
3.5 Fuel Oil	91 (n/c)	93 (n/c)
Naphtha	191 (-1)	193 (-2)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Sep	171.50-71.75	Dec	176.50-76.75
Oct	173.25-73.50	Jan	177.00 SLR
Nov	175.00-75.25		Vol: 11736

BRENT (6.00pm)

Oct	19.04-19.06	Jan	19.25 SLR
Nov	19.11-19.13	Feb	19.15-19.21
Dec	19.20-19.22		Vol. 18538

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

LIFFE WHEAT (close £/t)		LIFFE BARLEY (close £/t)	
Sep	85.45	Sep	79.50
Nov	88.10	Nov	81.50
Jan	90.10	Jan	83.50
Mar	92.10	Mar	85.50
May	94.10	May	87.00
Volume: 572		Volume: 27	

LIFFE POTATO (£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	62.0
Mar		112.0
Apr	123.5	128.0
		Volume: 101

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)
Sep 59.75-60.25

LIFFE BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Aug 97	1315	1315	1315
Sep 97	1405	1395	1410
Oct 97	1510	1490	1505
Jan 98	1520	1510	1515
Vol 350 lots		Open interest: 3141	
	Index 1350		

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2187.0-2188.0	2186.0-2187.0	225145
Lead ($/tonne)	596.00-596.50	609.00-609.50	460475
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1675.0-1677.0	1497.0-1498.0	839775
Tin ($/tonne)	5340.0-5345.0	5390.0-5395.0	30395
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1653.0-1654.0	1615.0-1615.5	4944830
Nickel ($/tonne)	6636.0-6637.0	6745.0-6750.0	110276

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LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Alld Dom	460	31	41	49	12	25½	29½
(*473½)	500	12½	22	31	31	48	52
ASDA	140	11½	16	18½	2½	5	6½
(*150)	160	2½	6½	9	13½	15	16½
Boots	800	27	61	75	20	42	46
(*802)	850	17	39	52	56	68½	73½
Br Airways	600	59	78	95	9½	18	22½
(*644½)	650	29	49½	65	26½	37	43
BP	850	66	84½	98½	13½	26	32
(*891½)	900	38½	54½	70½	30½	47½	53
Br Steel	160	20½	24	29	3	5½	8
(*177½)	180	7½	12½	18	9	13	16½
C & W	550	42½	60	73	13	23½	29½
(*571)	600	19	36½	48½	39	49	54½
CU	700	50	63	94	25	44½	57½
(*723)	750	30	58	69	55½	69½	78½
ICI	1000	72	104½	118	22½	37	53
(*1037)	1050	44½	79	94	43	60	75½
Land Sec	900	47½	68	86	16	25	31
(*926)	950	20½	42	58½	39	48	54
M & S	550	52½	64½	77	6½	13½	17
(*591½)	600	21	34	47	23½	33	37
Nat West	750	71½	107½	119½	23½	44½	58½
(*795½)	800	44	82	93	46½	69	82½
Safeway plc	360	30½	39½	47½	5	11½	15
(*382½)	390	12	22½	30½	17	24½	29½
Sainsbury	420	32	43	52	9	14½	18½
(*441½)	460	12	22½	31	27½	35½	37½
Shell	433	21	34½	—	17	24	—
(*436½)	450	13½	26	—	26	33	—
Smkl Bch	1100	76½	115	141	30½	54	69
(*1139)	1150	53	89½	115½	54	77	92½
Stnhse	300	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	330	—	—	—	—	—	—
Trafalgar	50	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	60	—	—	—	—	—	—
Zeneca	1900	123½	182½	221	51½	78½	98½
(*1956½)	2000	77	129½	167	95½	121	145

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
BAA	550	34½	51	60½	10	18½	21½
(*570½)	600	10	26½	35	35½	44½	49½
Thames W	750	60½	76	89½	11½	22	26½
(*792½)	800	30½	51	61½	29½	43½	48½

	Series	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
BTR	220	1	14½	20½	0	15	16
(*221)	240	0	7½	13½	19	27	30½
Br Aero	1400	47½	99½	127½	0	37	51½
(*1447½)	1450	0	71½	110½	2½	59½	74
Br Telecom	355	29	47	53	0	13	15½
(*384)	385	0	30	37	1	24½	27½
Cadbury	550	47	59½	74	0	9	14½
(*597)	600	0	29	44½	3	27½	34½
Guinness	550	31	46½	58½	0	14	17½
(*581)	600	0	19½	31½	19	36½	42½
GEC	360	23	37	44½	0	7½	13
(*383)	390	0	19½	28½	7	18½	25
Hanson	280	19	26½	35	0	7½	11
(*299)	300	0	15	24	1	16	19½
LASMO	260	13	25	35	0	7	10
(*273)	280	0	13½	24	7	14½	19
LucasVarity	190	19	24	29½	0	4	5½
(*199)	200	0	12	18	1	11	13½
Pilkington	140	0½	—	—	0	—	—
(*140½)	160	0	—	—	13½	—	—
Prudential	550	49	68	84	0	16	25½
(*599)	600	0	39	56	1	36	45
Redland	300	2½	17½	26	0	13½	20
(*302½)	330	0	6	14	27½	33	38
R-Royce	240	6	20½	27	0	12	15½
(*246)	260	0	11½	17½	14	23	26
Tesco	390	28½	39½	49½	0	9	13½
(*418½)	420	0	21	33½	1½	19	25½
Williams	330	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	360	—	—	—	—	—	—

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
Long Gilt	Sep 97	115-01	115-14	115-01	115-04	53845
Previous open interest 177219	Dec 97	115-01	115-01	114-22	114-24	749
German Govt Bond (Bund)	Sep 97	102.83	102.94	102.60	102.73	155447
Previous open interest 286723	Dec 97	101.96	102.06	101.80	101.88	5373
Italian Govt Bond (BTP)	Sep 97	136.00	136.82	135.90	136.72	66035
Previous open interest 107766	Dec 97	108.40	108.75	108.37	108.74	13003
Japanese Govt Bond (JGB)	Sep 97	127.24	127.33	127.23	127.25	3002
	Dec 97	126.46	126.51	126.46	126.49	1598
Three Mth Sterling	Sep 97	92.75	92.76	92.74	92.75	9204
	Dec 97	92.60	92.61	92.60	92.62	19102
Previous open interest 629609	Mar 98	92.55	92.60	92.55	92.58	13041
Three Mth Euromark	Oct 97	96.58	96.56	96.58	96.57	100
Previous open interest 1683589	Dec 97	96.49	96.49	96.41	96.44	43517
Three Mth Eurolira	Sep 97	93.25	93.29	93.24	93.29	9643
Previous open interest 391641	Dec 97	93.61	93.70	93.60	93.69	26930
Three Mth Euroyen	Dec 97	99.40	99.40	99.40	99.39	43
	Mar 98	99.30	99.30	99.30	99.30	43
Three Mth Euroswiss	Sep 97	98.47	98.50	98.44	98.46	2192
Previous open interest 161447	Dec 97	98.24	98.27	98.20	98.24	7216
Three Mth ECU	Sep 97	95.64	95.64	95.61	95.62	1117
Previous open interest 40666	Dec 97	95.56	95.56	95.54	95.54	792
FTSE 100	Sep 97	4985.0	4990.0	4938.0	4986.0	8237
Previous open interest 78794	Dec 97	5023.0	5033.0	5016.5	5052.5	748

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 7 Finance Hse 7
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 7¼ Low 6¼ Week fixed: 7⅛
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 7[illegible]; 3 mth 7[illegible]. Sell: 2 mth 6[illegible]; 3 mth 6[illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	[illegible]	[illegible]	7-6[illegible]	7[illegible]-7[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Overnight: open 7¼, close 7.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	7[illegible]	n/a	7[illegible]	7[illegible]	7[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	5.54	n/a	5.57	5.70	5.85
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	5⅝-5½	[illegible]	[illegible]	5½-4¾
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	3⅛-3	3¼-3⅛	3⅜-3¼	3½-2¾
French Franc:	[illegible]	3⅜-3¼	3⅜-3¼	3½-3⅜	3⅜-2¾
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	1⅝-1½	1⅝-1½	[illegible]	1½-¾
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $322.00-322.30 Close: $322.10-322.60 High: $322.55-323.05
Low: $321.40-321.90 AM: $322.00 PM: $322.05

Krugerrand: $321.75-323.75 (£202.00-204.00)

Platinum: $405.50 (£254.25) Silver: $4.52 (£2.835) Palladium: $190.00 (£119.10)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for August 20	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	3.3155-3.3325	3.3274-3.3308	1¼-1pr	3½-3¼pr
Brussels	60.790-61.140	61.021-61.119	21-16pr	60-53pr
Copenhagen	11.216-11.273	11.258-11.267	[illegible]pr	1½-1pr
Dublin	1.0995-1.1102	1.1040-1.1062	12-6pr	32-25pr
Frankfurt	2.9450-2.9595	2.9552-2.9583	1¼-1pr	3-2¾pr
Lisbon	298.58-300.00	299.49-299.81	[illegible]pr	1½-1pr
Madrid	248.67-249.79	249.59-249.79	40-30pr	123-105pr
Milan	2864.9-2885.1	2876.2-2880.2	1upr-0ds	41-19pr
Montreal	2.2157-2.2297	2.2175-2.2195	0.74-0.69pr	1.38-1.30pr
New York	1.5902-1.5990	1.5920-1.5929	0.22-0.20pr	0.63-0.60pr
Oslo	12.260-12.318	12.305-12.316	[illegible]pr	1-[illegible]pr
Paris	9.9170-9.9710	9.9564-9.9636	3⅜-3⅛pr	9⅝-9⅛pr
Stockholm	12.802-12.916	12.847-12.866	[illegible]pr	1-[illegible]pr
Tokyo	187.45-188.20	187.93-188.20	1½-1pr	3⅝-3¼pr
Vienna	20.720-20.827	20.793-20.816	[illegible]pr	2⅜-1¾pr
Zurich	2.4218-2.4392	2.4297-2.4324	1⅜-1¼pr	3⅝-3⅜pr

Source: Extel Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3460-1.3469
Austria	13.04-13.05
Belgium (Com)	38.27-38.31
Canada	1.3930-1.3935
Denmark	7.0580-7.0600
France	6.2459-6.2479
Germany	1.8522-1.8532
Hong Kong	7.7408-7.7418
Ireland	1.4420-1.4440
Italy	1804.70-1806.20
Japan	117.80-117.85
Malaysia	2.7740-2.7790
Netherlands	2.0860-2.0870
Norway	7.7150-7.7210
Portugal	187.80-188.00
Singapore	1.5045-1.5060
Spain	156.54-156.64
Sweden	8.0601-8.0676
Switzerland	1.5233-1.5238

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5920-1.5946
Australia dollar	2.1422-2.1450
Bahrain dinar	0.5955-0.6095
Brazil real*	1.7282-1.7326
China yuan	13.101-13.401
Cyprus pound	0.8550-0.8740
Finland markka	8.7550-8.8960
Greece drachma	457.0-467.5
Hong Kong dollar	12.3173-12.3267
India rupee	56.68-57.98
Indonesia rupiah	n/a
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4825-0.4935
Malaysia ringgit	4.4140-4.4247
New Zealand dollar	2.4883-2.4926
Pakistan rupee	63.20 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.7525-5.8875
Singapore dollar	2.3937-2.3976
S Africa rand (com)	7.4590-7.6280
U A E dirham	5.8050-5.9410

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

FTSE VOLUMES

3i	987	Ladbroke	1,200
ASDA Gp	5,600	Land Secs	1,800
Abbey Ntl	5,100	Legal & Gn	1,300
Allnce & Leic	1,600	Lloyds TSB	7,000
Allied Dom	4,000	LucasVarity	9,900
AB Foods	641	Marks Spr	3,000
BAA	2,200	Mercury Ast	315
BAT Inds	4,000	NatWst Bk	5,700
BG	10,000	Nat Grid	9,900
BOC	1,000	Nat Power	12,200
BP	5,800	Next	3,100
BSkyB	2,100	Orange	803
BTR	25,200	P & O	1,700
BT	10,900	Pearson	1,800
Bk of Scot	2,100	PowerGen	4,200
Barclays	2,200	Prudential	3,600
Bass	1,300	RMC	480
Blue Circle	1,100	Railtrack	1,300
Boots	1,800	Rank Group	1,900
BAe	1,100	Reckitt Col	384
BA	4,600	Reed Intl	4,900
British Land	893	Rentokil	14,400
Brit Steel	4,400	Reuters	2,900
Burmah Cstl	549	Rio Tinto	2,400
Cable Wire	3,700	Rolls Royce	1,400
Cadbury	2,400	Royal & Sun	8,000
Carlton Cms	1,900	Royal Bk Sct	4,600
Centrica	7,000	Safeway	1,600
Cm Union	3,400	Sainsbury	2,700
Dixons	3,700	Schroders	34
EMI	2,800	Scot & New	6,100
Energy Gp	3,900	Scot Power	10,900
Entrpr Oil	635	Svrn Trent	169
GKN	1,200	Shell Trans	10,600
GRE	1,700	Siebe	1,300
GUS	2,800	SmKl Bch	10,400
Gen Acc	647	Smiths Inds	373
Gen Elec	13,000	Std Chartd	2,500
Glaxo Well	4,300	TI Gp	2,500
Granada	4,000	Tate & Lyle	1,900
Grand Met	5,900	Tesco	1,800
Guinness	2,600	Thames W	765
HSBC	2,000	Tomkins	2,700
Halifax	6,700	Unilever	2,300
Hanson	433	Utd Utilities	3,800
Hays	1,100	Utd News	783
ICI	2,100	Vodafone	7,700
Imp Tob	1,100	Whitbread	425
Kingfisher	1,700	Wolseley	2,300
LASMO	483	Zeneca	1,600

Shares advance in dull trading

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
490	407½	Allied Domecq	473	− 6½	5.7	14.2
626	410	Bulmer (HP)†	432½	...	4.3	11.8
75½	40½	Burn Stewart	47½	...	9.6	10.8
1040	863	Glenmorangie A	975	...	1.7	24.1
631	425½	Grand Met	578½	− 6	3.2	18.6
627	424	Guinness	579½	+ 2	3.5	16.5
390	307½	Highland Dist	324	...	3.2	15.2
336	222	Matthew Clark	236	+ 1	12.7	7.0
109½	52½	Merrydown Wt	80½	...	6.4	14.9
2009½	1452½	SA Breweries	1871½	+ 3½	2.0	...

BANKS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1521¼	916¼	ABN-AMRO	1470¾	− 3½	2.1	21.3
971	710	Abbey Natl	832½	+ 18	4.1	13.6
655	532½	Alliance & Leic	627½	+ 5½	3.3	14.4
563	398½	Allied Irish	534	+ 3	3.4	15.2
488¼	383½	Aus New Z	471	+ 11¾	4.0	...
4571½	2875	Bank America	4297½	− 18½	...	...
452	291½	Bank Scotland	419	− 9½	2.5	12.7
1482	978½	Barclays†	1426	+ 32½	2.9	13.8
784	517½	Bk of Ireland	715½	...	2.8	15.8
8826½	8006½	Citicorp	8487½	+ 140¾	...	...
1759¾	1268¾	Commerzbk	1640¾	− 3½	2.8	
862½	559¾	Dai Ichi Kan Y	790¾	+ 3½	0.6	...
4321½	2709½	Deutsche Bk	3937½	+ 21½	1.8	
7300	752¾	Espirito Santo	1271½	+ 12½	3.0	..
947½	594½	Fuji Bank Y	848	+ 11¾	0.5	...
2389¾	1272½	HSBC†	2211½	+ 35	2.6	17.8
2256¾	1241	HSBC HK†	2131½	+ 36½	2.7	17.3
783	701½	Halifax	785	+ 4½	2.5	22.0
810	488½	Irish Perm	694	...	2.7	...
789½	424	Lloyds TSB†	739	− 1	2.4	21.5
812½	669½	Nat Aust Bk	802½	+ 12½	4.7	11.9
898½	668½	Nat West†	789	− 1½	4.7	12.5
665	508	Ryl Bk Scot	594	− 4½	4.1	12.8
1093½	681	Stand Chartd	1057½	+ 13½	1.8	18.5
£164¾	£164¾	Wells Fargo	£164¾		2.0	...
387½	315½	Westpac	377	+ 3½	4.1	...
373½	284	Woolwich	294½	− 2	3.4	17.3

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

BUILDING MATERIALS

CHEMICALS

DISTRIBUTORS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
208½	162½	Car Group	175	+ 1½	2.8	18.8
139¼	117½	Cavendish†	139½	..	3.6	7.7
100	65½	Charles Sidney	67½	..	5.6	10.2
59½	46½	Cook (DC)	47	...	8.6	...
121	90½	Dag Motors	95½	...	10.1	7.0
400	224	Diploma	225½		8.0	8.5
494	387½	Electrocomponts	488	− 2	2.0	27.5
278	213	Evans Halshaw	268½	+ 1½	7.7	...

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

ELECTRICITY

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

ENGINEERING

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
737½	595	Spirax-Sarco	700½	+ ½	2.8	18.5
300½	239½	Staveley Indl	257	...	4.9	12.5
619	450	TI	581½	− 10½	3.0	18.5
120½	101½	Tinsley (E)	113½	+ 5	7.8	10.3
120¼	92½	TransTec	105½	− 1	2.9	15.0
209½	144½	Triplex Lloyd	178½		4.9	13.5
222½	150½	Unicorn Intl	222½		3.5	
77½	48½	Utd Inds	61		4.9	17.6
273¼	169½	Vickers	215	− 3½	4.2	12.8
10½	8¼	Villiers Gp	9¼	− ¼		
712½	505	Vitec	577½	+ 1½	2.6	10.5
957	742	Vosper Thornyt	784½	+ 3½	4.1	12.7
350	213½	Wagon Ind	235		6.5	10.0
282½	203½	Weir	279½	+ 13½	3.7	13.5
259½	202½	Wellington Hdg	205½	− 1	4.8	12.1
33	23	Wellmant	28½		8.0	9.1
61½	45½	Wescol	57½		2.6	17.8
683	525	Whatman	664	+ 4	2.5	20.0
65¼	38½	Wolsey	34½	..	13.1	

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
140	97	Adwest	109		8.9	15.3
197	178	Airflow Stream	179	...	5.6	11.4
757	565	Avon Rubber	624	..	4.0	12.9
285	227½	Bostrom	275	.	3.2	11.4
108	96	Brum	108½	.	4.1	14.9
775	657½	First Tech	775		1.8	..
1280½	907	GKN†	1192½	− 45	2.7	..
4012½	3237½	General Mtr	3868½	+ 116¾	3.2	...
583½	415	Hawks	432½	− 2½	4.3	10.2
2072	1540½	Honda Motor	1962	+ 36½	0.4	...
413½	312½	Laird	382½	− 12½	4.1	11.2
228	180	LucasVarity	198½	− 1½	3.4	20.0
176½	131	Mayflower	172	+ 1	1.8	24.3
172½	127½	Spline	157½		5.2	11.2
178	123	T & N	146½	− 2	5.1	

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

HEALTHCARE

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

INSURANCE

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
160½	144½	Eng & Scot	156½	+ 1½	2.4	40.4
408½	372	European Asset	399½	+ 2½	1.2	
113½	90½	Fidelity Asian Val	102½	+ 1		
275½	216½	Fidelity Euro Val	266	+ 3½	0.2	..
50	36	Fidelity Jap Val	43	+ 1		
136½	119½	Fidelity Spec Val	124½	+ 3		
226½	205½	Finsbury 'A'	223		2.2	60.7
214	162½	Fmg Am Chile	186	− 3	1.5	
31½	21	Fmg Am Wts	26	+ ¼		
526½	375½	Fleming Amer	514	− 6	0.7	
106¼	66	Fleming Chinese	101½	+ 1½	0.6	
40	24	Fleming Ch Wts	35½	+ 1		
367½	280½	Fleming Claverl	366½	+ 2	2.2	47.9
502	381	Fleming Contl	484	+ 2	1.0	
158	113	Fleming Em Mkts	153½	+ 1½	0.3	...
265½	227½	Fleming Enterp	265½	+ 2	2.5	
325	253½	Fleming F East	307½	+ 9	1.4	
423½	386	Fleming Fledg	402½	+ ½	0.3	
110½	103	Fleming Inc Inc	108	+ 1	11.2	10.9
211	117	Fleming Inc Cap	209	− 1½		
63	43½	Fleming Indian	57½	+ ¼		
22	15	Fleming In Wts	16½			
214½	167½	Fleming Japan	197½	+ 2½		
384½	335½	Fleming Merc	380½	+ 3	3.0	34.7
114½	92½	Fleming Nat Res	100		8.7	
408	321½	Fleming Overs	399	+ 2½	1.4	
160½	137½	Fleming Smlr Co	144½	+ 1½	3.8	30.4
181	147½	Foreign & Col	176	+ ¼	1.6	60.2
97½	90½	F&C Inc Gwth	95½	+ 1	4.6	26.3
130½	85	F&C Emg Mkts	125½	+ 1½		
151½	123	F&C Enterprise	151½	+ ½	2.8	50.6
371	295½	F&C Eurotst	359½	− 2	0.4	
169	133½	F&C German	161½		0.5	..
176	145½	F&C Pacific	162½	+ 3½	1.4	77.4
149½	130½	F&C PEP	134		4.0	30.9
185½	166½	F&C Smllr	179½	+ ½	1.6	52.4
159½	122½	F&C US Smlr	148	+ 1		
62½	52	Framlin Inc	52½	+ ¼	12.3	9.9
90½	60½	Framlin Cap	90			
83½	40½	Framl Dual Cp	83	+ 2	..	..
26	11	Falcon Cap	25½			
29	19½	Falcon Inc	19½		58.0	2.2
125	95	Pacific Assets	92½	− 2	0.6	
88¼	65½	Perpetual Euro	83½		0.7	
130½	98	Perp Inc Gth	116	− 1	3.9	
56	41	Perpetual Jap	46½	− ½		
366½	292½	Prpt UK Sm Co	334½	− 2	3.5	27.2
£154½	£128½	Personal Assets	£153		1.9	55.3
134½	113½	Prolific Inc	125	+ 1	4.7	26.7
279½	223	RIT Cap Ptrs	276	− 1½	0.8	
568½	475½	Rolinco	542½	− 2½	1.5	
577½	497	Robeco†	549½	− 2½	1.8	
132½	83½	Schrd Asia Pac	86	+ 2½	2.5	
96½	79	Schrod Emg Cnt	92½	− ½		
144½	117½	Schrod Inc Gwth	142	+ ½	4.0	27.0
75½	61	Schrod Jap Gwth	73½	+ 1½		
512½	410	Schrod Kuroso	486½	+ 4½		
29¼	19½	Schrod Split Cap	25½			
115½	102½	Schrod Split Inc	108		9.7	13.2
151½	142½	Schrod Split Zero	151½			
148½	126½	Schrod UK Gwth	141	− ½	2.9	33.7
201½	165½	Schrod Ven Inc	168½			
237½	213½	Scot	239	− 2½	2.3	53.4
193½	168½	Scot American	193½	+ 1	3.5	37.9
311½	228½	Scot Asset	247½	+ 2½		
124¼	96½	Scot Eastern	121	− 1	2.0	49.0
344½	275½	Scot Mge	337½	− 1½	1.9	49.6
102	93	Scot Natl Tst	101½	+ 1½	10.6	11.6
127½	117½	Scot Value	127½	+ ½	2.0	50.7
2261½	1960	Second Alliance	2181½	+ 9	2.5	42.9
170½	95½	Secs Tst of Scot	116	+ ½	4.0	32.5
156½	133½	Shires Smlr	145½	+ 1	5.2	27.7
138½	121½	Smaller Cos	128	+ 2	2.2	38.4
385	344½	St Andrew Inv	353	− 2½	3.4	37.3
451	377½	Temple Bar	447	− ½	4.7	35.1
87½	72½	Throgmorton	79½	+ 1	3.6	33.0
188½	137	Tmtn Emg Mkt	162½	+ 1½	0.8	
227½	179½	TR Cty Of Lon†	221½	+ ½	3.5	
178½	133	TR Euro Growth	175½	+ 2	1.3	
124	105½	TR Pacific	113½	+ 1½	0.3	
42½	34½	TR Property	38¼		3.2	27.9
244½	214½	TR Smlr Cos	226	− 1½	2.2	52.8
422	323	TR Tech Inv	412½	− 4½	3.0	52.3
284½	206½	Trifley Trust	277½		1.5	57.8

LEISURE & HOTELS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
91	67½	Mandarin Orntl	71¼	+ 1½	5.6	
412½	333	Millennium & Cop	393½		2.2	16.2
1½	1	Millwall Hldgs▲	1½			
144½	113½	Newcastle Utd	126½		1.6	
280	191½	Northern	251½	+ ½	2.6	22.4
188½	117½	Pizza Leisure†	167½	− 1	5.4	9.3
38	27½	Queensborough	28		1.3	11.0
18½	12½	Queens Moat	13½	+ ½		8.8
458½	325½	Rank Grp	344	+ 6½	6.4	27.0
53½	40½	Ryan Hotels (£)	52½	..	4.2	11.0
1600	1375	Savoy Hotel 'A'	1425		1.5	
111½	39½	Sheffield United	59			
260½	184½	Sinclair (Wm)	234½	+ 2	4.4	13.4
153½	47	Southampton	86		1.5	
110½	95½	Stakis†	109	− ½	2.6	17.4
320	249½	Stanley Leisure†	286		1.7	23.4
11	4½	Tandem	7	+ ½	.	
348	346	Tanjong	346		1.3	24.7
210	132	Thistle Hotels	146	+ 1½	3.2	14.3
142	91	Tottenham Hot	86		1.0	16.5
115½	93½	Toy Options	105		4.4	7.9
280½	191½	VCI	191½		5.1	9.7
127½	94	Vardon	116		2.0	16.6
411	326½	Wembley	328		0.8	10.7
103½	89½	Zoters Gp	97		13.6	

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MEDIA

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
387½	330½	Gearhouse Group	366½	+ 16	2.1	18.3
34½	24½	Goodwood	32		1.0	19.5
319½	243½	Grampian	313½		2.9	21.6
345	254	HIT Entert	282½	+ 5	0.2	44.9
415½	277½	HTV Group	416		1.2	49.9
297½	207½	Haynes Pub	242½		5.6	11.1
22½	5½	Highway Hse	8½	+ ¼		
230	185	Hodder H'line	190		4.3	14.3
365	243	Home Counts	250		2.8	52.4
334½	295	IBC	377½	+ 1	3.7	13.6
26½	18½	Incepta	18½	− ¼		19.9
457½	257½	Independent	406	+ 2½	1.7	
345	95	Interscope	126½		4.0	10.1
215½	172½	Johnston Press	215½	+ 3	1.4	24.5
45	25	Lopex	32		2.9	
247½	140	MAID	237	+ 20½		
327½	275½	Maiden	275½		1.6	19.0
36½	29½	Mediakey	29½		4.9	9.6
1262	950	Metal Bulletin	1125		2.3	31.9
202½	179½	Midland Ind	202		2.4	38.3
226½	182½	Mirror Gp	210	− ½	2.7	15.0
705	551½	More Gp	641½	+ 12½	2.9	16.0
302½	254	News Corp	272½	− 1	0.5	7.6
268	216½	News Corp Pref	227	+ 6	1.5	.
47½	9½	On Demand Inf	10½	+ ½		
37½	16½	Osprey Comms	17			23.5
797½	657½	Pearson	758½	+ 11	3.1	52.2
83	32	Photobition	36			
845	750	Portsmth Sund	815		2.2	19.4
258½	183½	Quarto†	183½		5.4	6.9
637	508½	Reed Intl†	573½	+ 15	3.0	20.4
755½	566½	Reuters†	644½	+ 1	2.3	21.4
710	542½	Scot Med	644		3.6	21.1
413½	338	Scot Radio	338½		3.1	16.3
52½	39½	Smallworld	39½	− ½	4.5	7.1
26	11	Stoney Kids	15	+ ½	0.7	18.0
521	330	Southnews	421	+ 1	2.3	16.9
30½	15½	Sterling Pub	17½			5.3
57½	46½	Taylor Nelson	57½	+ 1	2.0	19.4
215	173	Television Co	215	+ 5	1.9	15.9
1632½	1168½	Thomson Corp	1478½	− 7½	3.1	31.0
506½	416½	Trinity Intl	495	+ 9	3.0	20.3

MINING

OIL & GAS

OTHER FINANCIAL

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
64¾	53	Redland Tst	54½		3.2	13.9
157½	99½	SEC Group	124		5.0	8.7
445	302	S & U	321½	− 1	7.0	8.2
1910	1500	Schroders	1870	+ 7½	1.3	20.4
1630	1310	Schroders N/V	1560	+ 7½	1.6	17.0
650	527½	Secure Tst	565		4.3	13.2
162½	127½	Singer & Fried	149	+ 1	3.9	12.8
45½	29½	Torey Law	33½			
4	2½	Tdn Hldgs	3			
106½	71	Union	74		2.5	
397½	310	Wintrust	367½		4.8	16.0

BRITISH FUNDS

1997 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
101½	100	Treas 8¾% 1997	100 †		8.75	7.26
106	101	Exch 15% 1997	101	−	14.79	6.69
103½	101	Exch 9¾% 1998	101	−	9.65	6.93
101	100	Treas 7¼% 1998	100		7.24	7.01
110	104	Treas 14% 1998-01	104	−	13.34	7.01
114	105	Treas 15½% 1998	108		14.25	7.06
109	105	Exch 12% 1998	105	−	11.35	7.06
105½	103	Treas 9½% 1999	103		9.21	7.07
111	107	Exch 12¼% 1999	107	..	11.38	7.08
108	105	Treas 10½% 1999	105½	+	9.95	7.06
99	96	Treas 6% 1999	98	+	6.11	6.96
109	106	Conv 10¼% 1999	106	+	9.63	7.06
106½	104½	Conv 9% 2000	104½	+	8.62	7.07
104	102	Treas 8% 2000	102	+	7.78	7.02
104	102	Treas 8½% 2000	103	+	8.25	7.12
119	115	Treas 13% 2000	115	+	11.29	7.16
112	98	Treas 10% 2001	108 †	+	9.18	7.07
101½	98	Treas 7% 2001	99	+	7.01	7.01
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
101	97	Treas 7% 2002	100½	+	6.98	6.95
122	108½	Treas 9¾% 2002	111 †	+	8.78	7.07
105	102	Treas 8% 2003	104	+	7.65	7.16
116	111	Treas 10% 2003	114	+	8.76	7.05
116	113	Treas 11½% 2001-04	113	+	10.12	7.09
87	82	Fund 3½% 1999-04	86	+	4.03	5.84
114	109	Conv 9½% 2004	113	+	8.36	7.03
99	94½	Treas 6¾% 2004	98	+	6.85	6.98
109	104	Treas 8½% 2005	109	+	7.80	7.03
122	110	Conv 9½% 2005	114	+	8.22	7.05
129	124	Treas 12½% 2003-05	126	+	9.85	7.07
103	98	Treas 7½% 2006	103	+	7.27	7.02
107	99	Treas 7¾% 2006	104½	+	7.42	7.05
104	100	Treas 8% 2002-06	103	+	7.73	7.16
123	115	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	120	+	9.74	7.08
111	105	Treas 8½% 2007	110	+	7.72	7.06
102	96½	Treas 7¼% 2007	101	+	7.12	6.99
116	109	Treas 9% 2008	115½	+	7.82	7.01
108½	101	Treas 8% 2009	107	+	7.42	7.01
LONGS (over 15 years)						
96½	88½	Treas 6¼% 2010	93	+	6.70	7.03
118	109½	Conv 9% 2011	117½	+	7.68	7.03
118	109	Treas 9% 2012	117 †	+	7.64	7.04
89	80	Treas 5½% 2008-12	87		6.26	6.83
110½	100	Treas 8% 2013	109	+	7.33	7.02
107	98	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	106½		7.30	7.05
111	101½	Treas 8% 2015	110	+	7.24	6.96
120	103	Treas 8¾% 2017	118 †	+	7.39	7.00
113	101	Tr 8% 2021	112	+	7.13	6.93
UNDATED						
50½	43	War Ln 3½%	49	+	7.01	
35	30	Treas 2½%	34	+	7.16	.
55½	49	Consols 4%	54	+	7.31	.
INDEX-LINKED on projected inflation of:					10%	5%
114	113	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	114			1.92
187	184	Treas IL 2½% 2001	187	+	2.83	3.55
184	180	Treas IL 2½% 2003	183	+	3.03	3.54
120	117	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	118	+	3.08	3.53
195	190	Treas IL 2% 2006	194	+	3.18	3.52
176	170	Treas IL 2½% 2009	175	+	3.21	3.48
183	176	Treas IL 2½% 2011	182 †	+	3.25	3.49
150	144	Treas IL 2½% 2013	150	+	3.28	3.49
161	153	Treas IL 2½% 2016	161	+	3.30	3.49
155	147	Treas IL 2½% 2020	155	+	3.35	3.51
129	122	Treas IL 2½% 2024	129	+	3.37	3.51
126	119	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	126	+	3.36	3.50

PHARMACEUTICALS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
285	142½	Brit Biotech	186½	− 1		
1115	610	Cantab Pharms	745	+ 5	..	
673	247½	Celltech	282½	− 2½	..	
463½	225½	Chiroscience	286	+ 2½		
293½	151	Cortecs	229			
1418½	885½	Glaxo Wellc	1248½	+ 17	3.3	25.7
245	144½	ML Laboratories	149	+ 2½		21.6
330½	197	Medeva†	276	− 4½	2.6	42.3
403	229½	Peptide Thera	317	+ 2½		
202½	188½	PowderJect†	190			
92	24½	Proteus Intl	40½			
737½	262½	Scotia	315			
280	216	Shire Pharms	274½	+ 7		
95	64½	SkyePharma	71			
1262½	768½	SmithKBeech†	1135	+ 30	1.8	28.4
392	289½	Therp Anti Inc	300	− 1½		
707½	395	Vanguard	440			
435	210	Xenova	258			
2291	1585½	Zeneca	1955	+ 13	2.3	25.9

PRINTING & PAPER

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
142	99	AG Holdings	93		8.1	8.0
782	628	API	631½		2.3	19.1
65	47½	App Holo	52½			
302	151	Arjo Wiggins	194	− 2½	4.8	21.6
24	17½	Bath Press	24		2.7	10.4
450½	368½	Bemrose	398½		4.7	10.5
229½	130	Blagden	151½		2.0	11.2
3396¾	2178½	Bowater Inc	3337½	+ 90¾		
327½	252½	Boxmore Intl	281½		1.3	20.4
745	442	Br Polythene	508½	+ 7	4.5	10.8
24½	12½	Br Thornton	14½			
148	49	Brillon Grp	61½		6.7	5.9
243	188	Bunzl	243	+ 2	3.2	14.9
233½	151½	Capital Inds	166		4.3	14.5
388½	286½	Cropper (James)	286½		2.1	7.9
673½	323	De La Rue†	392½	− 7½	7.6	9.8
257½	195½	Dolphin Pack	232½		3.8	15.2
75½	35½	Fairway Group	42½	+ 4	12.2	12.7
238	137	Ferguson Intl	137½		12.0	8.4
165½	134	Filofax	140½	+ ½	3.3	10.1

PROPERTY

RETAILERS, FOOD

RETAILERS, GENERAL

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
42	27½	Olives (G)	35½			
535	462½	Ordnance Intl	467½		5.2	
75½	68½	Partridge Fine	70½		5.5	13.4
49½	28½	QS Hldgs	34	− ½		
337½	256½	Ratners	307		3.6	16.9
147½	50½	Save Group	60	− ½	14.8	2.7
95½	58½	Sears	62	− 1	7.6	15.5
36½	26½	Signet Group	32			11.8
494½	332½	Smith WH	373½	− 2	5.2	
1110	910	Sotheby's	1012½		2.5	
305½	184	Stanley Leisure	227	− 2½	4.5	14.0
150	107	Stylo†	120	− 2½	4.9	31.2
205½	152½	T & S Stores	186½	+ 10	5.8	9.9
288½	149	Thorn	168½	− ½	9.9	11.0
209½	137½	Tie Rack	141		3.0	13.5
340	225½	UNO†	271	− 2½	2.1	20.1
4	2½	Upton & South	3			14.2
545½	435½	Vendome†	497½	− 1	2.6	18.6
35	6½	WEW Group	4½			6.0
417½	132½	Wickes	161	+ 4½		
313½	232½	Wyevale	270		2.8	19.4

SUPPORT SERVICES

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
525	386	AEA Tech†	470		2.2	23.6
114	85	Alpha Airpt	86½		7.6	10.4
48	34½	Alphameric	40			19.6
58	29½	Amlin Grp	39½			
387½	254	Allens	310	+ 1½	2.8	
189½	112½	BNB Res	125½		7.5	6.1
457½	394½	BPP	432½		4.1	16.9
182½	95	BSM	115	+ ½	8.2	8.6
718½	416	BTG†	700	+ 1½	0.2	
89½	69½	Brooks Service	82½		5.3	12.5
510	432	Business Post	456½		2.9	21.5
1500	840	CMG	1457½	− 12½	0.5	53.3
250½	220½	CRT Gp†	232½	+ 1	2.2	
806	590	Card Gp	722½	+ 12½	1.4	7.0
275½	161½	Capita Group	268½	− ½	0.8	49.4
9	6½	Chemex	7		2.7	13.2
236	172½	Corp Services	190		3.8	15.2
58½	27½	Coutts Cnslg	36½		7.9	11.7
346	217½	DCS Gp	259½	− 2	0.7	21.2
302½	232½	Davis Service	280½	+ 1	4.6	15.6
910	670	Delphi	747½	+ 27½	1.0	22.7
390	290	Diagonal†	369		0.3	36.5
252	170	Dowley Jenkins	225	− ½	2.7	18.2
79½	37	EW Fact	44		5.7	7.0
100	57½	El Data Proj	60½		4.5	12.8
602	479	FI Group†	547½	+ 4½	1.2	36.2
619½	515	Hays	600½	+ 10½	1.8	25.0
313½	194½	Hogg Robinson†	210		5.8	10.3
1005	630	JBA Hldgs	845	+ 3½	0.8	44.9
296	215	Johnson Clean	231	+ 1	6.5	9.0
114½	60	Kalamazoo†	75½		7.0	11.0
647	521½	Kewill Syst	605		2.0	15.0
37½	16½	Laser-Scan	17½			28.6
278½	156½	Lavendon	247½	+ 6	1.7	19.0
162½	105½	Lorien	149	− 2½	3.3	20.2
1041½	671	Logica†	770		1.4	27.6

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

TEXTILES & APPAREL

TRANSPORT

WATER

ALTERNATIVE INV MARKET

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
115½	84½	Abacus Recruit	109½		0.6	21.2
215	170	Cafe Inns▼	184½	− 3	2.0	17.4
230	153½	Country Side	190½	+ ½	1.0	17.6
262½	180	Dawson Hogs	215		2.8	20.7
51½	33½	Freepages	37½	− ¼		
98½	75	Megalomedia	80½		0.3	40.1
65	27½	Memory Corp	38			
590	280	Prism Rail	306	+ 1		
1368	935	Ransom Fay	1157½	− 2½	0.7	
793	619½	Southern News	747½		3.1	34.2
72½	63½	Southern Vectis†	67½		3.8	
510	410	Surrey Fr Ians	495		0.7	
60½	17½	Trocadero†	22½			

Source: FT Information

Price at suspension, † Ex dividend, ‡ Ex scrip, ▲ Ex rights issue ▼ Ex all, § Ex capital distribution, * Figures or report awaited. No significant data. Companies in bold are constituents of the FTSE 100 Index.

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Have you chosen your fantasy team?

GOALKEEPERS

Code	Name	Team	Price
10101	Jim Leighton	Aberdeen	2.0
10201	David Seaman	Arsenal	5.0
10301	Mark Bosnich	Aston Villa	3.0
10401	David Watson	Barnsley	1.0
10501	Tim Flowers	Blackburn Rovers	3.5
10601	Keith Branagan	Bolton Wanderers	1.5
10701	Stewart Kerr	Celtic	4.0
10801	Ed de Goey	Chelsea	3.0
10901	Steve Ogrizovic	Coventry City	1.5
11001	Carlo Nash	Crystal Palace	1.0
11002	Kevin Miller	Crystal Palace	2.0
11101	Mart Poom	Derby County	1.5
11201	Sieb Dykstra	Dundee United	3.0
11301	Ian Westwater	Dunfermline	1.0
11401	Neville Southall	Everton	2.0
11501	Gilles Rousset	Hearts	1.5
11601	Chris Reid	Hibernian	1.0
11701	Dragoje Lekovic	Kilmarnock	1.0
11801	Nigel Martyn	Leeds United	3.5
11901	Kasey Keller	Leicester City	2.0
12001	David James	Liverpool	3.5
12101	Peter Schmeichel	Manchester United	5.0
12201	Scott Howie	Motherwell	1.0
12301	Shay Given	Newcastle United	4.0
12401	Andy Goram	Rangers	5.0
12501	Kevin Pressman	Sheffield Wednesday	2.5
12601	Alan Main	St Johnstone	0.5
12701	Maik Taylor	Southampton	1.5
12801	Ian Walker	Tottenham Hotspur	3.0
12901	Ludek Miklosko	West Ham United	2.0
13001	Neil Sullivan	Wimbledon	2.5

FULL BACKS

Code	Name	Team	Price
20201	Lee Dixon	Arsenal	3.0
20202	Nigel Winterburn	Arsenal	3.0
20203	Emmanuel Petit	Arsenal	2.5
20301	Steve Staunton	Aston Villa	3.0
20302	Alan Wright	Aston Villa	3.0
20303	Simon Grayson	Aston Villa	2.5
20304	Fernando Nelson	Aston Villa	2.0
20401	Nicky Eaden	Barnsley	0.5
20402	Neil Thompson	Barnsley	0.5
20502	Jeff Kenna	Blackburn Rovers	2.0
20503	Patrick Valery	Blackburn Rovers	2.0
20601	Neil Cox	Bolton Wanderers	2.0
20602	Robbie Elliott	Bolton Wanderers	2.0
20701	Tommy Boyd	Celtic	3.5
20702	Tosh McKinlay	Celtic	3.5
20703	Jackie McNamara	Celtic	3.0
20501	Graeme Le Saux	Chelsea	4.0
20801	Dan Petrescu	Chelsea	4.0
20802	Celestine Babayaro	Chelsea	2.5
20901	David Burrows	Coventry City	1.0
20902	Brian Borrows	Coventry City	1.0
20903	Marcus Hall	Coventry City	1.0
21001	Dean Gordon	Crystal Palace	1.5
21002	Marc Edworthy	Crystal Palace	1.5
21003	Kevin Muscat	Crystal Palace	1.0
21101	Chris Powell	Derby County	1.5
21102	Dean Yates	Derby County	1.0
21401	Andy Hinchcliffe	Everton	2.5
21402	Earl Barrett	Everton	1.5
21403	Terry Phelan	Everton	1.5
21501	Gary Locke	Hearts	1.5
21701	Dylan Kerr	Kilmarnock	1.0
21801	Gary Kelly	Leeds United	2.5
21802	David Robertson	Leeds United	2.5
21901	Mike Whitlow	Leicester City	1.5
21902	Steve Guppy	Leicester City	1.5
22001	Stig Inge Bjornebye	Liverpool	4.0
22002	Jason McAteer	Liverpool	4.0
22101	Denis Irwin	Manchester United	4.0
22102	Gary Neville	Manchester United	3.5
22103	Phil Neville	Manchester United	3.5
22301	Steve Watson	Newcastle United	3.0
22302	Warren Barton	Newcastle United	2.0
22303	John Beresford	Newcastle United	1.5
22304	Stuart Pearce	Newcastle United	3.0
22401	Alex Cleland	Rangers	3.0
22402	Stalle Stensaas	Rangers	3.0
22501	Patrick Blondeau	Sheffield Wednesday	2.5
22502	Ian Nolan	Sheffield Wednesday	2.0
22701	Jason Dodd	Southampton	1.0
22702	Francis Benali	Southampton	0.75
22703	Simon Charlton	Southampton	0.75
22801	Clive Wilson	Tottenham Hotspur	2.0
22802	Justin Edinburgh	Tottenham Hotspur	1.0
22901	Julian Dicks	West Ham United	3.0
22902	Andy Impey	West Ham United	1.5
23001	Ben Thatcher	Wimbledon	2.0
23002	Kenny Cunningham	Wimbledon	2.0
23003	Alan Kimble	Wimbledon	2.0

CENTRAL DEFENDERS

Code	Name	Team	Price
30101	Brian O'Neil	Aberdeen	2.0
30201	Tony Adams	Arsenal	3.5
30202	Martin Keown	Arsenal	3.5
30203	Gilles Grimandi	Arsenal	2.0
30301	Gareth Southgate	Aston Villa	3.5
30302	Ugo Ehiogu	Aston Villa	3.5
30401	Arjan de Zeeuw	Barnsley	1.0
30402	Adrian Moses	Barnsley	0.5
30403	Matty Appleby	Barnsley	0.5
30502	Colin Hendry	Blackburn Rovers	3.0
30504	Stephane Henchoz	Blackburn Rovers	2.0
30601	Gerry Taggart	Bolton Wanderers	1.5
30602	Gudni Bergsson	Bolton Wanderers	1.0
30603	Chris Fairclough	Bolton Wanderers	1.0
30701	Enrico Annoni	Celtic	3.0
30702	Malky MacKay	Celtic	3.0
30703	Alan Stubbs	Celtic	3.0
30801	Frank Leboeuf	Chelsea	3.0
30802	Michael Duberry	Chelsea	3.0
30803	Steve Clarke	Chelsea	2.5
30804	Bernard Lambourde	Chelsea	2.5
30901	Liam Daish	Coventry City	1.5
30902	Richard Shaw	Coventry City	1.5
30903	Paul Williams	Coventry City	1.5
31001	Andy Roberts	Crystal Palace	1.5
31002	Andy Linighan	Crystal Palace	0.75
31003	David Tuttle	Crystal Palace	0.75
31101	Igor Stimac	Derby County	2.5
31102	Jacob Laursen	Derby County	1.5
31201	Steven Pressley	Dundee United	3.0
31301	Greg Shields	Dunfermline	1.5
31401	Slaven Bilic	Everton	3.0
31402	Dave Watson	Everton	2.0
31403	David Unsworth	Everton	2.0
31501	David Weir	Hearts	2.0
31601	John Hughes	Hibernian	1.5
31801	David Wetherall	Leeds United	2.0
31802	Gunnar Halle	Leeds United	2.0
31803	Robert Molenaar	Leeds United	2.0
31804	Lucas Radebe	Leeds United	1.5
31901	Matt Elliott	Leicester City	3.0
31902	Pontus Kaamark	Leicester City	2.0
31903	Steve Walsh	Leicester City	1.5
32001	Mark Wright	Liverpool	3.0
32002	Dominic Matteo	Liverpool	3.0
32003	Bjorn Kvarme	Liverpool	3.0
32101	David May	Manchester United	3.5
32102	Gary Pallister	Manchester United	3.5
30501	Henning Berg	Manchester United	3.0
32201	Martin van der Gaag	Motherwell	1.5
32301	Philippe Albert	Newcastle United	3.0
32302	Darren Peacock	Newcastle United	3.0
32303	Steve Howey	Newcastle United	2.0
32304	Alessandro Pistone	Newcastle United	3.0
32401	Sergio Porrini	Rangers	3.5
32402	Joachim Bjorklund	Rangers	3.5
32403	Lorenzo Amoruso	Rangers	3.5
32501	Des Walker	Sheffield Wednesday	2.5
32502	Jon Newsome	Sheffield Wednesday	2.5
32503	Peter Atherton	Sheffield Wednesday	2.5
32601	Stuart McCluskey	St Johnstone	0.5
32701	Richard Dryden	Southampton	1.0
32702	Claus Lundekvam	Southampton	1.0
32703	Ulrich van Gobbel	Southampton	1.0
32801	Sol Campbell	Tottenham Hotspur	3.0
32802	John Scales	Tottenham Hotspur	2.5
32803	Ramon Vega	Tottenham Hotspur	2.0
32804	Colin Calderwood	Tottenham Hotspur	2.0
32901	Rio Ferdinand	West Ham United	2.5
32902	Richard Hall	West Ham United	2.0
32903	Steve Potts	West Ham United	1.5
33001	Chris Perry	Wimbledon	2.5
33002	Dean Blackwell	Wimbledon	2.5

MIDFIELD PLAYERS

Code	Name	Team	Price
40101	Eoin Jess	Aberdeen	3.0
40102	Paul Bernard	Aberdeen	2.0
40201	Marc Overmars	Arsenal	5.5
40202	Patrick Vieira	Arsenal	3.5
40203	Stephen Hughes	Arsenal	2.5
40204	Ray Parlour	Arsenal	2.5
40205	David Platt	Arsenal	1.5
40301	Mark Draper	Aston Villa	4.0
40302	Ian Taylor	Aston Villa	2.5
40303	Andy Townsend	Aston Villa	2.0
40401	Neil Redfearn	Barnsley	3.0
40402	Eric Tinkler	Barnsley	2.0
40403	Darren Sheridan	Barnsley	1.0
40404	Martin Bullock	Barnsley	0.5
40501	Jason Wilcox	Blackburn Rovers	2.5
40502	Billy McKinlay	Blackburn Rovers	2.5
40503	Tim Sherwood	Blackburn Rovers	2.5
40504	Garry Flitcroft	Blackburn Rovers	2.5

MIDFIELD PLAYERS

Code	Name	Team	Price
40601	Alan Thompson	Bolton Wanderers	3.0
40602	Scott Sellars	Bolton Wanderers	2.0
40603	Per Frandsen	Bolton Wanderers	2.0
40604	Michael Johansen	Bolton Wanderers	2.0
40605	Jamie Pollock	Bolton Wanderers	2.0
40701	Andreas Thom	Celtic	4.5
40702	Phil O'Donnell	Celtic	3.0
40703	Peter Grant	Celtic	1.5
40704	Craig Burley	Celtic	3.0
42503	Regi Blinker	Celtic	1.5
40801	Dennis Wise	Chelsea	4.0
40802	Roberto di Matteo	Chelsea	4.0
40803	Eddie Newton	Chelsea	2.5
40804	Gustavo Poyet	Chelsea	2.0
40901	Gary McAllister	Coventry City	2.5
40902	Trond Egil Soltvedt	Coventry City	1.5
40903	John Salako	Coventry City	1.5
41002	Simon Rodger	Crystal Palace	1.0
41003	Darren Pitcher	Crystal Palace	0.25
41004	Paul Warhurst	Crystal Palace	1.5
41005	Attilio Lombardo	Crystal Palace	2.5
41101	Aljosa Asanovic	Derby County	2.5
41102	Stefano Eranio	Derby County	2.5
41103	Darryl Powell	Derby County	1.5
41104	Christian Dailly	Derby County	1.5
41105	Robin van der Laan	Derby County	1.0
41106	Jonathan Hunt	Derby County	1.0
41201	Robbie Winters	Dundee United	3.5
41301	Andy Smith	Dunfermline	2.0
41302	Derek Fleming	Dunfermline	1.5
41401	Gary Speed	Everton	3.5
41402	Joe Parkinson	Everton	1.5
41403	Gareth Farrelly	Everton	1.5
41501	Neil McCann	Hearts	2.5
41601	Chris Jackson	Hibernian	2.0
41602	Barry Lavety	Hibernian	2.0
41701	Jim McIntyre	Kilmarnock	2.0
41001	David Hopkin	Leeds United	3.5
41801	Lee Bowyer	Leeds United	3.0
41802	Alf Inge Haaland	Leeds United	2.5
41803	Lee Sharpe	Leeds United	2.5
41901	Garry Parker	Leicester City	2.0
41902	Neil Lennon	Leicester City	2.0
41903	Muzzy Izzet	Leicester City	2.0
41904	Scott Taylor	Leicester City	1.5
42001	Steve McManaman	Liverpool	7.0
42002	Oyvind Leonhardsen	Liverpool	4.0
42003	Michael Thomas	Liverpool	3.0
42004	Jamie Redknapp	Liverpool	3.0
42006	Paul Ince	Liverpool	5.0
42101	David Beckham	Manchester United	8.0
42102	Ryan Giggs	Manchester United	7.0
42103	Roy Keane	Manchester United	6.0
42104	Nicky Butt	Manchester United	4.0
42105	Andy Cole	Manchester United	5.0
42201	Billy Davies	Motherwell	2.0
42301	Robert Lee	Newcastle United	5.0
42302	Keith Gillespie	Newcastle United	3.5
42303	David Batty	Newcastle United	2.5
42005	John Barnes	Newcastle United	2.5
42401	Brian Laudrup	Rangers	8.0
42402	Paul Gascoigne	Rangers	6.0
42403	Jonas Thern	Rangers	4.0
42404	Jorg Albertz	Rangers	4.0
42501	Benito Carbone	Sheffield Wednesday	3.0
42502	Mark Pembridge	Sheffield Wednesday	2.5
42504	Graham Hyde	Sheffield Wednesday	1.0
42601	Attila Sekerlioglu	St Johnstone	0.75
42701	Jim Magilton	Southampton	1.5
42702	Robbie Slater	Southampton	0.75
42703	Neil Maddison	Southampton	0.75
42801	Andy Sinton	Tottenham Hotspur	3.0
42802	Darren Anderton	Tottenham Hotspur	3.0
42803	Ruel Fox	Tottenham Hotspur	2.0
42804	David Howells	Tottenham Hotspur	2.0
42805	David Ginola	Tottenham Hotspur	2.5
42901	Eyal Berkovic	West Ham United	2.5
42902	Steve Lomas	West Ham United	2.5
42903	John Moncur	West Ham United	2.0
42904	Michael Hughes	West Ham United	1.5
43001	Robbie Earle	Wimbledon	4.5
43002	Neil Ardley	Wimbledon	2.0
43003	Vinny Jones	Wimbledon	2.0
43004	Ceri Hughes	Wimbledon	1.5

STRIKERS

Code	Name	Team	Price
50101	Billy Dodds	Aberdeen	5.0
50201	Ian Wright	Arsenal	7.5
50202	Dennis Bergkamp	Arsenal	7.5
50301	Dwight Yorke	Aston Villa	7.5
50302	Stan Collymore	Aston Villa	7.0
50303	Savo Milosevic	Aston Villa	3.0
50401	Georgi Hristov	Barnsley	1.5

Code	Name	Team	Price
50402	John Hendrie	Barnsley	1.5
50403	Clint Marcelle	Barnsley	1.0
50501	Kevin Gallacher	Blackburn Rovers	4.0
50502	Martin Dahlin	Blackburn Rovers	4.0
50503	Chris Sutton	Blackburn Rovers	3.0
50601	John McGinlay	Bolton Wanderers	3.0
50602	Nathan Blake	Bolton Wanderers	2.5
50701	Jorge Cadete	Celtic	5.0
50703	Tommy Johnson	Celtic	3.5
51601	Darren Jackson	Celtic	4.0
50801	Gianfranco Zola	Chelsea	7.0
50802	Mark Hughes	Chelsea	5.0
50901	Dion Dublin	Coventry City	5.0
50902	Darren Huckerby	Coventry City	3.0
50903	Noel Whelan	Coventry City	2.5
51001	Neil Shipperley	Crystal Palace	2.5
51002	Dougie Freedman	Crystal Palace	2.5
51003	Bruce Dyer	Crystal Palace	2.0
51101	Dean Sturridge	Derby County	4.0
51102	Ashley Ward	Derby County	2.0
51103	Francesco Baiano	Derby County	2.0
51201	Andy McLaren	Dundee United	3.0
51202	Kjell Olofsson	Dundee United	2.5
51301	Gerry Britton	Dunfermline	2.0
51401	Duncan Ferguson	Everton	5.0
51402	Nicky Barmby	Everton	3.0
51403	Graham Stuart	Everton	2.5
51501	John Robertson	Hearts	3.5
51701	Paul Wright	Kilmarnock	5.0
51702	Ally Mitchell	Kilmarnock	2.5
51801	J F Hasselbaink	Leeds United	3.0
51803	Rod Wallace	Leeds United	1.5
51901	Steve Claridge	Leicester City	4.5
51902	Emile Heskey	Leicester City	4.5
51903	Ian Marshall	Leicester City	2.0
52001	Robbie Fowler	Liverpool	8.5
52002	Patrik Berger	Liverpool	3.0
52003	Karlheinz Riedle	Liverpool	4.5
52101	O G Solskjaer	Manchester United	7.5
52102	Teddy Sheringham	Manchester United	7.0
52103	Paul Scholes	Manchester United	6.0
52201	Owen Coyle	Motherwell	3.0
52202	Tommy Coyne	Motherwell	3.0
52301	Alan Shearer	Newcastle United	10.0
52303	Faustino Asprilla	Newcastle United	3.5
52401	Marco Negri	Rangers	3.5
52402	Sebastian Rozental	Rangers	3.5
52403	Gordon Durie	Rangers	3.0
50702	Paolo di Canio	Sheffield Wednesday	6.5
52501	Andy Booth	Sheffield Wednesday	4.0
52502	David Hirst	Sheffield Wednesday	2.5
52503	Richie Humphreys	Sheffield Wednesday	2.0
52601	George O'Boyle	St Johnstone	1.5
52602	Roddy Grant	St Johnstone	1.0
52701	Matt Le Tissier	Southampton	7.0
52702	Egil Ostenstad	Southampton	4.0
52703	Michael Evans	Southampton	2.0
52302	Les Ferdinand	Tottenham Hotspur	7.5
52801	Steffen Iversen	Tottenham Hotspur	3.5
52802	Chris Armstrong	Tottenham Hotspur	3.5
52901	John Hartson	West Ham United	3.0
52902	Paul Kitson	West Ham United	3.0
52903	Iain Dowie	West Ham United	1.5
53001	Marcus Gayle	Wimbledon	4.0
53002	Efan Ekoku	Wimbledon	4.0
53003	Dean Holdsworth	Wimbledon	3.0

Code	Name	Team	Price
60101	Roy Aitken	Aberdeen	2.5
60201	Arsène Wenger	Arsenal	4.5
60301	Brian Little	Aston Villa	3.5
60401	Danny Wilson	Barnsley	0.5
60501	Roy Hodgson	Blackburn Rovers	3.0
60601	Colin Todd	Bolton Wanderers	1.5
60701	Wim Jansen	Celtic	4.0
60801	Ruud Gullit	Chelsea	3.5
60901	Gordon Strachan	Coventry City	1.0
61001	Steve Coppell	Crystal Palace	0.75
61101	Jim Smith	Derby County	1.0
61201	Tommy McLean	Dundee United	3.0
61301	Bert Paton	Dunfermline	1.0
61401	Howard Kendall	Everton	2.0
61501	Jim Jefferies	Hearts	1.5
61601	Jim Duffy	Hibernian	1.0
61701	Bobby Williamson	Kilmarnock	1.0
61801	George Graham	Leeds United	2.0
61901	Martin O'Neill	Leicester City	1.5
62001	Roy Evans	Liverpool	4.0
62101	Alex Ferguson	Manchester United	5.0
62201	Alex McLeish	Motherwell	1.0
62301	Kenny Dalglish	Newcastle United	4.5
62401	Walter Smith	Rangers	5.0
62501	David Pleat	Sheffield Wednesday	2.5
62601	Paul Sturrock	St Johnstone	0.5
62701	Dave Jones	Southampton	0.75
62801	Gerry Francis	Tottenham Hotspur	2.5
62901	Harry Redknapp	West Ham United	1.5
63001	Joe Kinnear	Wimbledon	2.0

HOW TO PLAY

- ● You have £35 million to spend on a team of 11 players and a manager.
- ● You must pick 1 GOALKEEPER, 2 FULL BACKS, 2 CENTRAL DEFENDERS, 4 MIDFIELD PLAYERS, 2 STRIKERS, 1 MANAGER.
- ● You must not exceed your budget of £35 million. You must not pick more than two individuals (two players or one player and a manager) from the same club. If after a real-life transfer, you find you have three players from one club in your team, you must sell one of them. No player may be picked twice.
- ● Players and the manager must be chosen from Interactive Team Football category lists, which include code numbers and values.
- ● Your players and manager will accumulate points in all 1997-98 matches in the FA Carling Premiership, FA Cup, Bell's Scottish League premier division and Tennents Scottish Cup from Saturday August 9 onwards.
- ● The team with the most points at the end of the season will win the £50,000 first prize. You may enter as many teams as you like whenever you like. Readers entering a mini-league should tick the box on the application form. There is no additional charge.

HOW THE SCORING SYSTEM WORKS

POINTS AWARDED

GOALKEEPER
● Keeps clean sheet (per half)** .... +3 points
● Scores goal .... +20 points
● Saves penalty .... +1 point

FULL BACK / CENTRAL DEFENDER
● Keeps clean sheet* .... +3 points
● Scores goal .... +4 points

MIDFIELD PLAYER
● Keeps clean sheet* .... +1 point
● Scores goal .... +3 points

STRIKER
● Scores goal .... +2 points

ALL PLAYERS
● On winning side .... +1 point
● Appearance† .... +1 point
● Scores hat-trick .... +10 bonus points

MANAGER
● Wins .... +3 points
● Draws .... +1 point

*** Must have played a complete half in the match to earn +3 points*
** Must have played for 75 minutes in the match † Must have played for 45 minutes in the match*

POINTS DEDUCTED

GOALKEEPER
● Concedes goal .... -2 points

FULL BACK / CENTRAL DEFENDER
● Concedes goal .... -1 point

ALL PLAYERS
● Sent off .... -3 points
● Booked .... -1 point
● Concedes penalty .... -1 point
● Misses penalty .... -1 point
● Scores own goal .... -1 point

MANAGER
● Team loses .... -1 point

TRANSFERS

Each team entered by August 9 will be allocated 60 transfers for the season. Thereafter the transfer allocation will be decreased by 3 transfers each week up to December 13 when all teams registered on that day will be allocated an extra 20 transfers. Teams registered after this date will be allocated 20 transfers for the season. Full details of how to transfer will appear in *The Times* regularly during the season.

HOW TO ENTER YOUR TEAM

● FOR POST AND FAX See the entry form on the right

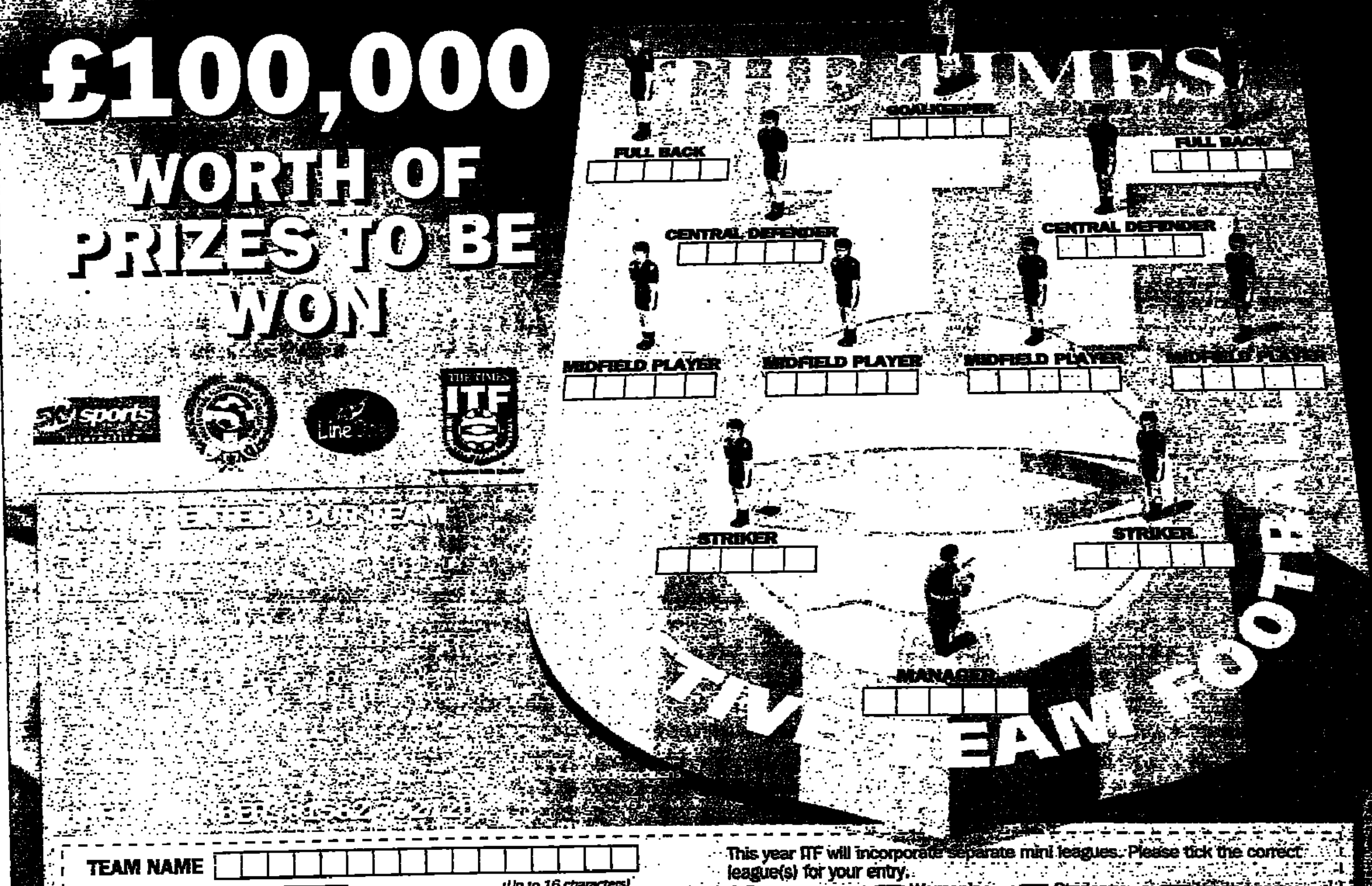
● BY TELEPHONE: 0891 405 011 (UK)
+44 990 100 308 (Republic of Ireland)

Select your team and follow the simple step-by-step instructions. Tap in the full set of selections (using the five-digit player codes) for each of your chosen players and manager. You will be asked to give the name of your team (no more than 16 characters). Finally you will be given a ten-digit personal identification number (PIN). Calls cost 50p per minute. Each call lasts about eight minutes.

● BY the Internet
ITF is available on *The Times* website (www.the-times.co.uk). The Internet version enables you to enter the game and play for the entire season, giving you access to league tables, fixture lists, player records and your team history.

● BY LineOne
You can enter ITF free on LineOne. This includes all transfers and checking throughout the season. For your software which includes one month's free membership of LineOne plus ten hours' access to LineOne and the Internet call 0800 111 210. For more information visit the LineOne website at www.LineOne.net.

● BY Sky Sports Interactive
Play ITF with Sky Sports Interactive on 0891 770 700 (calls charged at 50p per minute). Details on Sky Text page 118.



TEAM NAME ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐ *(Up to 16 characters)*
Goalkeeper ☐☐☐☐☐ ....
Full back ☐☐☐☐☐ ....
Full back ☐☐☐☐☐ ....
Central defender ☐☐☐☐☐ ....
Central defender ☐☐☐☐☐ ....
Midfielder ☐☐☐☐☐ ....
Midfielder ☐☐☐☐☐ ....
Midfielder ☐☐☐☐☐ ....
Midfielder ☐☐☐☐☐ ....
Striker ☐☐☐☐☐ ....
Striker ☐☐☐☐☐ ....
Manager ☐☐☐☐☐ ....

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL ENTRANTS
First Name ....
Surname ....
Address ....
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NEW MOVIES: **Geoff Brown** concentrates like mad during David Lynch's *Lost Highway*, but still gets hopelessly lost

Driving blind in the contraflow

Lost Highway
Curzon West End, 18, 134 mins
David Lynch baffles us to bits

Event Horizon
Empire, 18, 95 mins
Hell is discovered in outer space

Albino Alligator
Virgin Haymarket, 18, 97 mins
Kevin Spacey turns director

Jump the Gun
Virgin Haymarket, 15, 112 mins
Les Blair explores modern Johannesburg

Keys to Tulsa
Plaza, 18, 113 mins
One hip crime thriller too many

Plein Soleil
Curzon Phoenix, PG, 118 mins
Patricia Highsmith adapted by the French

Patricia Arquette in *Lost Highway*, David Lynch's "hallucinogenic tale of murder, blackmail, amnesia, female entrapment and night-time rides down glistening tarmac"

Tired of Hollywood's summer silliness or films that make sense? Then welcome to **Lost Highway**, David Lynch's first feature in four years. He has not been idle: the brain that gave us *Blue Velvet* and *Twin Peaks* has now concocted an awesomely bizarre entertainment that would baffle even Albert Einstein. Time and space are bent out of shape; one character merges into another. Paranoia runs rampant. This is a hallucinogenic tale of murder, blackmail, amnesia, female entrapment and night-time rides down glistening tarmac, all wrapped in an audacious soundtrack.

The film's universe is so extreme, so brazen in refusing rational explanations, that audiences are faced with two choices. You can either hitch yourself to Lynch's wagon, and bask in the perverse delights devised by the director and Barry Gifford (author of the novel *Wild at Heart*). Or you can stand outside, alienated from a film that talks a private language. Since Lynch's control and pacing falter sometimes, a third option emerges: you can feel intrigued, then frustrated, briefly mesmerised, then faintly fed up, then bored. This is the path I took.

A plot outline would mislead, for the lines connecting cause and effect are impossibly skewed. Bill Pullman begins as a jazz musician in a city sprawl resembling Los Angeles. After numerous strange occurrences he is arrested for the murder of his wife, Patricia Arquette. One day, guards find another man in his prison cell, a younger man (Balthazar Getty), who, once released, starts an affair with another woman played by Arquette, this time sporting bleached hair.

Are these pairs alter egos? Does the action take place inside or outside the characters' heads? And who is the Mystery Man, the ghostly, insidious, lipsticked clown who demonstrates, among other phenomena, how to be in two places at once?

Lynch supplies no answers. He is only precise in the way he crafts the material of his film, the sounds and images. Decor is spare, but resonant (back come those red drapes from *Twin Peaks: Fire Walk With Me*). Performances are deliberately low key: no Oscars will be won here. The sound design is bold and intricate, a scrupulously engineered mix of David Bowie, Lou Reed, Smashing Pumpkins, ominous chords and apocalyptic drones.

Given the deluge of workaday movies, Lynch's conceptual daring is as refreshing as always. But there is something so insular about *Lost Highway* that I came out gasping for even muggy air.

And so to Joely Richardson, twiddling knobs, keys and buttons in a search-and-rescue space ship far into deep space in the year 2047. "I'm picking up trace life forms," she says, "but I can't get a lock on the location." There is a price to pay for securing a role in a science-fiction film such as **Event Horizon**, wholly American in flavour although made by a British director at Pinewood. You have to declaim terrible dialogue. From time to time you must parade your physique in little more than a bra and pants. You get knocked around, pelted with debris, spattered with human remains.

Joely's character, Starck, the ship's navigator, is not alone in her struggle. I could not find life forms, either. True, Sam Neill begins the film gazing at family photos — "I miss you," he croons to his wife — but once the ship speeds off on its mission to investigate a vessel missing, believed lost, for seven years in space, all human beings become subordinate to high-tech wizardry. Nobody is spared, not even Laurence Fishburne, the ship's seasoned captain, or Neill's ambiguous scientist, or Richardson in her scanties.

Devotees of sci-fi extravaganzas can be assured plenty of spectacle. Bodies and hardware are exploded, fragmented and smeared on walls. The renegade ship, the *Event Horizon*, comes styled with Gothic armour-plating and an ominous large ball surrounded by three rotating rings. This gizmo is crucial, we discover: this was the engine that allowed ship and crew to travel faster than light, disappear down an evil black hole, and return to spew out messages in Latin and personalised nightmares.

You could call the ship's destination hell. The characters do. The director Paul Anderson, he of *Shopping* and *Mortal Kombat*, even thought Ken Eisner's script reminded him of Dante's *Inferno*. But any benefit the film might enjoy from its supernatural and religious overtones is lost in the welter of bald dialogue, mundane plotting, thunderous music, ripped-out eyes and dripping gore.

Given sufficient money and equipment, it is easy to bombard the viewer with spectacle. The difficulties for movies these days lie in the low-tech arena. *Event Horizon* needs livelier direction and an interesting script, with characters that live and breathe.

In **Albino Alligator**, debutant director Kevin Spacey keeps the camera on the move, weaving between faces on the wide screen as we join the characters trapped in Dino's Last Chance Bar, a Prohibition-era watering hole that houses a battle between bungling robbers, customers taken hostage and federal agents laying siege. We might very well be watching a play, possibly *Key Largo* or *The Desperate Hours*.

Aside from Spacey's forceful handling, there is a notable cast to keep us absorbed. M. Emmett Walsh, the bar owner, soon lies dead, but there are still Matt Dillon, Faye Dunaway, Gary Sinise and others to ponder moral niceties, act flustered, foolish or brave, and explain the film's title. It refers to a ploy in billiards, a sacrificial move made by one player that blocks the progress of others.

The fancy title indicates the pretensions of the script, a first endeavour by Christian Forte, son of the 1950s pop star Fabian. He is lucky to have Spacey and crew interpreting his work, otherwise this old wine in a new bottle might have been far less drinkable.

Escaping from Dino's Last Chance Bar, we hop continents and reach post-apartheid Johannesburg in **Jumping the Gun**. South Africa is not Les Blair's usual territory: the accomplished maker of semi-improvised dramas, too often hidden in Mike Leigh's shadow, has rarely strayed from the London enclaves of the working and middle-classes. Perhaps his status as a foreign visitor contributes to the film's lack of focus; you never feel a clear point of view as Blair follows the fortunes of a white oil rigger (Lionel Newton) and a woman fleeing man trouble (Baby Cele). The boisterous playing is infectious, but the elongated running time grows to be a nuisance.

The minutes also pass heavily in **Keys to Tulsa**, yet another small American film arrayed with more talent than the material deserves. Eric Stoltz, James Spader, Michael Rooker and old-timers Mary Tyler Moore and James Coburn are among those who signed on for Harley Peyton's script, but so much potential gets smothered by Leslie Greif's plain direction. Time, too, is not on the film's side; we have seen too many crime melodramas peppered with losers, wastrels and hip dialogue for this pale specimen to appeal.

Finally, we reach **Plein Soleil**, in which a young Alain Delon bares his chest and assumes the identity of the rich friend he does away with. René Clément's film, made in 1959, is not taut enough, but Delon's prettiness, the light, bright colours of Henri Decaë's camerawork and the period flavouring all bring their own small pleasures.

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Marc Minkowski conducts his youngish cast with a beneficent smile, starting with the overture, the score's best known piece. Raul Gimenez, most expert of Rossini tenors, has a graceful entrance aria as the Duke, but then rather fades from sight. There are some dull patches of accompanied recitative unravelling the simple-minded plot, but the last 30 minutes are pure joy. They start with a superb patter duet between one of the villains and Tarabotto, a nice old miner who plucked the duchess from the ocean. Rodney Gilfry and Pietro Spagnoli play the bad guy and the good guy with relish. Best of all is Annick Massis, this summer's discovery in Glyndebourne's joyous *Le Comte Ory*, as the wronged duchess. Perhaps Glyndebourne should give *L'inganno* a whirl some day.

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NOT content with his flourishing dual career as horn player and conductor, Anthony Halstead has also been displaying his prowess at the keyboard in recent years. He is currently in the process of recording all the orchestral music of Johann Christian Bach, and here he takes the role of solo harpsichordist in three more of the concertos, directing also from the keyboard.

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Close, but no cigar

NEW ON VIDEO

Glenn Close, magnificent in monochrome, after the hair of the dog in the remake of the classic *101 Dalmatians*

101 DALMATIANS
Buena Vista, U, 1996

GLENN CLOSE'S Cruella De Vil, looking stunning in angular black-and-white fashions and piercing her lines as though they were gourmet delicacies, knocks spots off the dogs in this live-action edition of the cartoon classic. In other ways, the cartoon is better. You certainly miss the dogs' voices: denied their thoughts as they find their puppies kidnapped, we begin to stand outside the story. Available to rent.

FLIRTING WITH DISASTER
Buena Vista, PG, 1996

THE director of *Spanking the Monkey*, David O. Russell, is still obsessed with family matters. This second feature concerns a young man's cross-country search for his birth parents, accompanied by his wife, their baby, and an adoption agency bent on documenting the happy reunion. Surprises lurk at every turn, and the jokes tumble out with an ease indicating the cast's high spirits, improvisation skills, or both. Ben Stiller and Patricia Arquette play the questing couple; comedy veterans (Mary Tyler Moore, George Segal, Alan Alda and Lily Tomlin) fill out the cast. Available to rent.

MARS ATTACKS!
Warner, 12, 1996

THEY come in peace, or so they say. That's before the little green men reduce America's Congress to smoking skeletons. Tim Burton's film is no ordinary spoof: big bucks, high technology, and galaxies of stars (Jack Nicholson, Glenn Close) have been lavished on the project. There is a savage tone that undercuts some fun: no 1950s aliens were ever as nasty as these invaders, and no 1950s movie ever burnt human beings with such gloating realism. A little more kindness and less blockbuster panache would have improved the experience, now yours to rent.

THE WEDDING PARTY
Allied Entertainment, U, 1963

ODDITY collectors may wish to acquire this juvenile, would-be comedy, made by Brian De Palma with college colleagues Cynthia Munroe and Wilford Leach. Bride, groom, friends and relatives gather and talk before the big day, among them a chunky, crew-cutted Robert De Niro, cast as a friend of the groom. Jill Clayburgh, too, makes her screen debut.

NORMAL LIFE
First Independent, 18, 1995

THIS film by John McNaughton remorselessly follows the downward path of a rookie policeman (Luke Perry) and an unstable wife who loves astronomy and craves excitement. "Black holes are intense," Ashley Judd cries in a brave, unnerving performance. So is the film, which pushes us into our own black hole with two characters spinning out of control. Available to rent.

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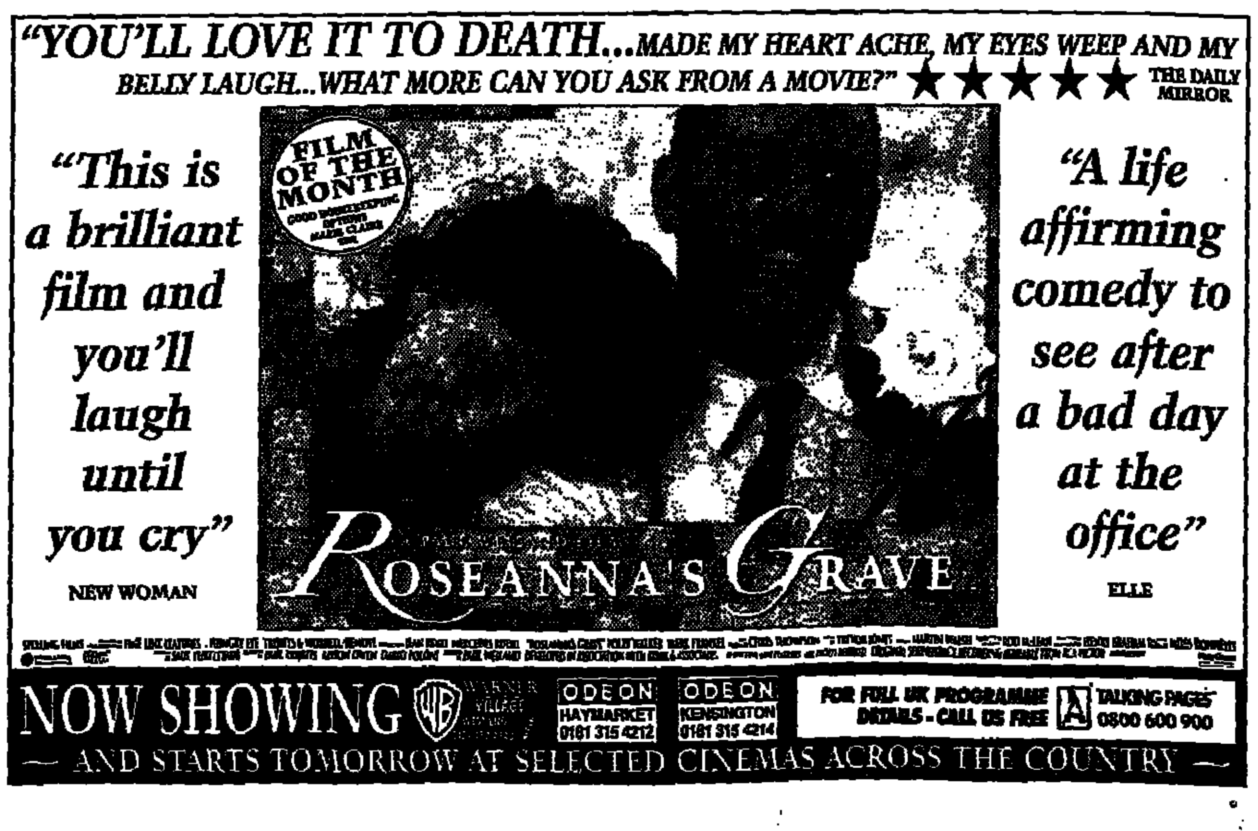
SNAP VERDICT

Every week young film fans discuss the latest releases

■ *EVENT HORIZON*
Sarah Crook, 18: A very gruesome and disturbing movie that borders on being evil.
Tim Thornton, 21: A chilling and frightening film. Joely Richardson looks out of place, acting as if she is treading the boards at the Globe.
Damian Samuels, 20: *Alien* meets *Hellraiser* meets *Logan's Run*.
Leslie Isaiah Thomas, 19: Research tells us that violent films can cause violent behaviour. *Event Horizon* should inspire a few more psychopaths.

■ *JUMP THE GUN*
Sarah: Thought-provoking.
Tim: Neither boring nor badly acted, but I wouldn't recommend a special trip to the cinema. Wait for the video.
Damian: If you want to watch a film set in present-day South Africa, see *Dangerous Ground*, with Liz Hurley. It's far more entertaining.
Leslie: Interesting portrait of a country and its people.

■ *ALBINO ALLIGATORS*
Sarah: A smart and sassy film. I loved it!
Tim: A witty, well-acted gangster romp.
Damian: Like the peculiarly named *Reservoir Dogs*, *Albino Alligators* is a real hit, even though there isn't a single white-skinned reptile in sight.
Leslie: Kevin Spacey delivers a tense and intriguing movie.



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TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

EDINBURGH

The Gateway Festival season is a new venture at the **International Festival** featuring existing young companies in an intimate studio theatre setting. The season includes this evening's British premiere of independent film-maker Zhang Yuan's first stage play, **East Palace, West Palace** (Dong Gong, Xi Gong), performed in Mandarin with English surtitles (Gateway, tonight-Sat, 7.30pm). At 8pm in the Usher Hall the **Royal Scottish National Orchestra** conducted by Carlo Rizzi, and the Edinburgh Festival Chorus under David Jones, perform Rossini's richly melodic *Petite Messe Solenelle*. In the Queen's Hall, at 11am, the Norwegian pianist **Leif Ove Andsnes** makes his Festival recital debut with a programme of music by Haydn, Liszt and Beethoven. **Festival box office** (0131-473 2000).

The **Fringe**'s diverse programme includes today's lunchtime concert of medieval and Renaissance music, performed by the **Durham Early Music Consort** on replicas of original instruments (Central Hall, Venue 100, 12.30pm). In the Randolph Studio (Venue 55, 7.45pm), **Chikuzan** plays the tsugaru shamisen (a three-stringed guitar), accompanied by her haunting voice. At 2pm in the Theatre Workshop (Venue 20), Fringe First winners **Wierszalin** perform *Doctor Feela*, in a double-bill with *Dybbuk*. Meanwhile, the **Fringe Poster Exhibition** continues at Edinburgh College of Art (Venue 73, 10am), featuring entries from five to 18-year-olds from around Scotland. **Fringe box office** (0131-226 5138 tickets, 0131-226 5257 information).

LONDON

BBC PROMS: Sir Charles Mackerras conducts the **London Philharmonic Orchestra** in Schubert's Third Symphony and Brahms's Symphony No 4. Sandwiched in between, Thomas Allen, baritone, sings a selection of Lieder by Schubert, orchestrated by Brahms and Berlioz.

Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, SW7 (0171-589 8212). Tonight, 7.30pm ♿

MY NATIVE LAND: New Rodney Clark play set in British East Africa at the start of the Second World War, a comedy of mismatched love, with Asha Kahlon and Robert Pike as the lovers. Ezra Hjalmarsson directs.
Lyric Studio, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 2311). Opens tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm. Until September 6.

ELSEWHERE

ALDEBURGH: **Martin Litton and the Red Hot Peppers**, who last appeared at the Snape Proms in 1993, return for an evening of red hot jazz. With Paul Lacey, trumpet, Bob Hunt, trombone, Tony Jack, clarinet, Jim Tomlinson, reeds, Martin Wheatley, guitar/banjo, Graham Read, bass, Nick Ward, drums. **Snape Maltings Concert Hall** (01728 453543). Tonight, 7.30pm.

Carlo Rizzi conducts at the Edinburgh Festival

CHELMSFORD: This year's **Chelmsford Spectacular** features Peter André and support (tonight) and a Seventies extravaganza with Suzi Quatro, Showaddywaddy, Edwin Starr and the Rubettes (tomorrow). On Saturday, Chris de Burgh sings in concert, and there is a gala concert performance of Sir Cameron Mackintosh's *Les Misérables* on Sunday. On August Bank Holiday Monday, the Searchers, Swinging Blue Jeans, Tremeloes, the Fortune and the Manfreds take part in a Sixties Night. **Hylands Park** (01245 606505). Tonight-Mon, ring box office for times.

NORWICH: Noël Coward's sharp and funny play, **Design for Living**, concludes the summer season here. **Maddermarket**, St John's Alley (01603 620917). Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat (August 30), 2.30pm. Until August 30.

LONDON GALLERIES

Christopher Hull: Summer Exhibition (0171-235 0500) . . **Design Museum**: The Coca-Cola Bottle (0171-403 6933) **Gordon Reece**: Zarrands, the Painter's Film (0171-439 0007) . . **ICA**: Assuming Positions (0171-930 3647) **Jill George**: Martin Brewster Monoprints (0171-439 7319) . . **Llewellyn Alexander**: Not the Royal Academy 1997 (0171-620 1322) . . **London Institute**: Summer Exhibition (0171-514 6000) **Mall**: Korean Contemporary Art (0171-930 6844) . . **National**: Seurat and the Bathers (0171-747 2885) **National Portrait**: Clifford Coffin: The Varnished Truth (0171-306 0055) . . **Talisman Fine Art**: Four Painters of the Imagination (0171-794 4266)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
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☐ **BEAUTY AND THE BEAST.** Disney's film turned into a hit Broadway musical. Julie-Alanah Brighten and Alasdair Harvey as the leads, with support from the likes of Derek Griffiths and Norman Rossington.
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (0171-416 6060). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm.

☐ **A CHASTE MAID IN CHEAPSIDE**: *Ironic title for Middleton's funniest* comedy: greed, lust and just a touch of love. Mark Rylance plays Allwit, the contented cuckold. Malcolm McKay directs.
Globe, New Globe Walk, SE1 (0171-316 4703). In preview today, 2pm and 7.30pm. Opens Aug 27, 7.30pm. In rep.

☐ **ELVIS — THE MUSICAL**. Three actors-singers take us through the life of the King, with Michael Dimin playing the mature Elvis. Strictly for fans.
Piccadilly, Denman Street, W1 (0171-369 1734). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri and Sat, 5.30pm and 8.30pm. Until September 6.

☐ ***THE LEENANE TRILOGY***: Family life is no comfy bed of shamrock in the Connemara village of Martin McDonagh's trilogy: a mother from hell and her desperate daughter (*The Beauty Queen of Leenane*) — first seen in London last year; marital secrets revealed in the cemetery (*A Skull in Connemara*), a pair of squabbling brothers living alone in their dead father's house (*The Lonesome West*).
Royal Court (Duke of York's), St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-565 5000). Mon-Fri, 8pm. Trilogy on Sat: *Beauty* 1pm, *Skull* 4pm, *Lonesome* 8pm. Until September 13. In rep.

☐ **MACBETH — STAGE OF BLOOD** Sunset performance by seven actors from Manipur, North East India, by the side of the Thames. Uses shamanistic trance rituals and martial arts.
Watermans Arts Centre, High Street, Brentford (0181-568 1176). Tonight-Sun, 7.30pm.

☐ **POPCORN**: Ben Elton's blistering comedy about movie violence. A Tarantinoesque director gets his come-uppance when a couple of serial killers (great playing by Patrick O'Kane and Dena Davis) blame him for their misdeeds. *Laurence Boswell directs*.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5070). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, and Sat, 4pm.

☐ **SIDE BY SIDE BY SONDHEIM.** Summmer show celebrating the man. Kathryn Evans, Lisa Sadovy, David Melak make up the regular cast, with guest MC Tony Slattery until August 23. Matthew Francis directs.
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (0181-858 7755). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm. Until September 6 ♿

☐ **SKYLIGHT**: Bill Nighy and Stella Gonet in David Hare's witty and cogent play showing two contemporary social moralities at odds. Directed by Richard Eyre.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (0171-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **SMOKEY JOE'S CAFE**: Subtitled "The Songs of Leiber and Stoller." Hit Broadway compilation show celebrating a successful songwriting team, *responsible for Hound Dog, Jailhouse Rock* and *Spanish Harlem*.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (0171-839 5987). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **WASTE**: Felicity Kendal, Michael Pennington, Denis Quilley in Granville Barker's *fascinating drama of the power struggle within a government,* complicated by sex.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (0171-928 7616). Tonight, 7.30pm. In rep.

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (0171-369 1733) ◩ **Buddy**: Strand (0171-930 8800) . ◩ **Cats**: New London (0171-405 0072) ☐ **Jesus Christ Superstar**: Lyceum (0171-656 1807) ☐ **Martin Guerre**: Prince Edward (0171-447 5400) ◩ **Les Misérables**: Palace (0171-434 0909) ◩ **Miss Saigon**: Drury Lane (0171-494 5400) ◩ **Oliver!**: Palladium (0171-494 5020) . ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (0171-494 5400) ◩ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (0171-416 6054)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

THE CLOUD-CAPPED STAR: Young woman sacrifices her life for her family. Ritwik Ghatak's compelling and adventurous Indian drama, made in 1960.
NFT (0171-928 3232)

HEAT AND DUST (15): Morals and manners of the British Raj, decorously examined by Merchant Ivory. With Julie Christie, Greta Scacchi, Shashi Kapoor.
Curzon Mayfair (0171-369 1720)

◆ **SPEED 2: CRUISE CONTROL** (PG): Dawdling sequel set on a cruise ship, with Sandra Bullock, Jason Patric and Willem Dafoe. Director, Jan De Bont.
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CURRENT

◆ **BATMAN & ROBIN** (PG): Schwarzenegger's *Mr Freeze* tries to hold Gotham to ransom. Exhausting epic with George Clooney, Chris O'Donnell and Uma Thurman. Director, Joel Schumacher.
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◆ **BEAN** (PG): Rowan Atkinson's bumbler is let loose in LA. Jokes galore, some sentiment, no subtlety. With Peter MacNicol and (briefly) Burt Reynolds.
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THE FIFTH ELEMENT (PG): Flabby sci-fi epic from Luc Besson, with Bruce Willis as the taxi-driver who might save the world.
Virgin Trocadero ♿ *(0171-434 0031)* **Warner** ♿ (0171-437 4343)

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Shaw at his most unsure

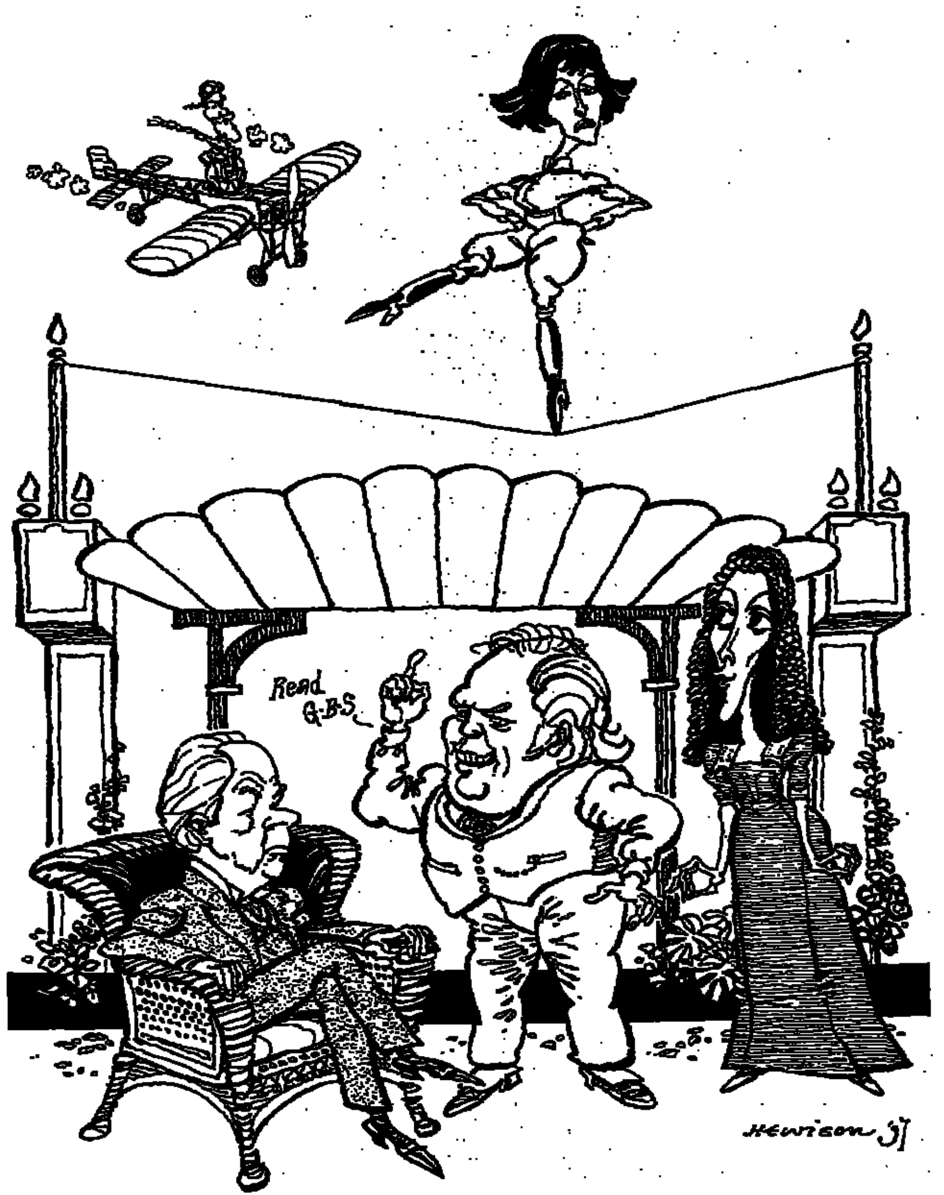
That fine critic Max Beerbohm defended Shaw when others were deriding *John Bull's Other Island* as "not a play". But that was in 1905, when the great chatterbox still felt some obligation to construct a plot and sustain tension.

Misalliance, which followed five years later, struck Beerbohm as verbose and ill-organised. It was, he lamented, "about anything and everything that has chanced to come into Mr Shaw's head. It never progresses. It doesn't even revolve. It merely sprawls."

Misalliance
Minerva,
Chichester

There are more sympathetic ways of looking at *Misalliance*, *Getting Married*, and other such exercises in Edwardian garrulity. Another admirable if more academic critic, Eric Bentley, has argued that Shaw invented a new kind of play. Instead of wondering what will happen to the people onstage, we are asked to consider which of the ideas on offer will prove the most cogent. But I tend to side with Beerbohm, at least about *Misalliance*. For all the efforts of Frank Hauser's mostly excellent cast in deepest Sussex, my toes seemed to twitch more than my brain-cells ticked.

Yes, it is brave of Duncan Weldon to present so uncommercial a piece in Chichester. Yes. Saul Radomsky has designed a conservatory and veranda that evoke posh, flowery Surrey, and has added symbolism to the structure in the form of giant books titled *Destiny*, *Science*, *Ideas* and so on. Yes, there are occasional funny lines. I too laughed when a Marxist clerk determined to avenge the death of his impoverished mother, cried: "The writing's on the wall. Rome fell. Babylon fell. Hindhead's turn will come." But what was so arbitrarily conceived a character doing in the play in the first place?



Misallied spirits: Natalia Makarova, Tony Britton, Joss Ackland, Harriet Wootliff

The house belongs to John Tarleton (genial Joss Ackland), a lingerie magnate given to funding free libraries and quoting great writers. His family consists of a rebellious daughter (Harriet Wootliff), a conventional wife (Sheila Reid) and a smug, dull son (Stephen Simms). His guests include an ex-colonial governor called Lord Summerhays (superb Tony Britton), Summerhays's spoilt-intellectual son (Peter Stead), and a Polish aviator (Natalia Makarova) who, like the gun-wielding socialist, magically appears when the conversation threatens to peter out.

Conversation? Filibustering is a better word. It embraces death, natural selection, democracy, creative writing, the nature of gentility and even fern owls. But the main subjects are the generation gap and the difficulties parents have with children and vice versa. "Oh the fiendish selfishness of the old and the maudlin sacrifice of the young," wails Tarleton's daughter. "Oh, home, parents, family, duty! How I loathe them! How I'd like to see them all blown to bits!" Domestic obligation is bad. Moral and mental independence, as represented by the Polish airwoman and daredevil, is good.

That is standard Shaw: part of his lifelong campaign against emotional ties and sometimes against emotion itself. But the problem here is that Makarova's struttings and swaggerings do not successfully evoke freedom of spirit and, more importantly, the argument is not rooted in relationships that are real or quarrels that are plausible. It is as if an android were warning us earthlings against feeling. In other words, it is Shaw at his most resistible.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

Bucolic in parts

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HAD it not said as much in David Harman's meticulous programme notes I would never have believed that Mendelssohn's cantata *Die erste Walpurgisnacht* was receiving its first Proms performance. It is hardly an unknown work these days, and I have lost count of the number of recordings.

It was good to have it, though, in this Mendelssohn anniversary year, and good to have it too on the period instruments of the **Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment**. I had expected the pagan music to emerge with a *keener edge, especially under the* direction of Mark Elder. But it was the light-footed scherzo *To your posts* that was the more convincing. A fervent peroration, however, from Thomas Hampson as the pagan priest, with *fine contributions from Paul Charles* Clarke, Neal Davies, Patricia Bardon and the Choir of the Enlightenment.

The period instruments offered some bucolic timbres in the Serenade of Berlioz's *Harold in Italy*. But this again seemed a disappointingly low-voltage account. Thomas Zehetmair's ultra-introspective way with the solo viola part made one realise why Paganini thought it was not for him.

It was less surprising that none of the five works heard at the late-evening concert had been given at a Prom before. These were all recent works: indeed, a showcase of British compositional talent. Not a dud among them, and here given sympathetic performances from the **London Sinfonietta** under Markus Stenz.

Simon Bainbridge's *Landscape and Memory* impressed deeply for its depiction of a frozen musical soundscape. The delicately shaded horn solo was provided by Michael Thompson. Oliver Knussen was represented by *Two Organa*, drawing on medieval techniques; and George Benjamin by *Three Inventions*, marking a *new path* in his development with its creation of a harmonic dimension out of interactive melodic lines.

For Harrison Birtwistle's *Ritual Fragment*, the players joined the Prommers in the arena. Seated in a *semi-circle, they rose in turn to play a* solo in the centre. The overall tone is elegiac, but this is also superb theatre. Finally came a typically dazzling squib from Thomas Adès. *Living Toys*, whose imaginative world evokes the wild *fantasies of a child, takes virtuosity to* anarchic limits.

BARRY MILLINGTON

Turkish delight

OPERA

Il Turco in Italia
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BROOMHILL Opera, evicted from its former home in Kent by change of ownership, has found an even better appointed base in the award-winning theatre of Christ's Hospital near Horsham in Sussex. Sadly the local public have not yet awoken to the fact that this brings them fully-staged opera at prices that are a little more than one third of Glyndebourne or Garsington.

Broomhill's principal offering this season is Rossini's *Il Turco in Italia*, the tunesmith's lusty follow-up to *L'Italiana in Algeri*, which has always rather unjustly overshadowed it. Directed with good *sense* by Simon Callow, in a lamp-like evocation of Naples designed by Christopher Woods, Broomhill gives a sunny rendition of a thoroughly sophisticated comedy of sexual mores and amorous *interplay*.

As the Turk of the title the bass-baritone Matthew Hargreaves makes a persuasive Pasha, keen to consort with the promiscuous Fiorilla, given thrilling voice by Marguerite Krull, *while anxious not to lose the favours of* his former love, the slave girl Zaida (a feisty interpretation by Heather Shipp). The confrontation between the two women, a precursor for Marlene Dietrich's set-to in *Destry Rides Again*, is a convincingly catty spat of hair-pulling, arm-twisting and face scratching, while Hargreaves's duet with Fiorilla's long-suffering, elderly husband, Don Geronio (Anthony Marber), is a classic bit of patter horse-trading in which one offers to buy the other's wife while the other threatens to repay him with a punched nose.

As Fiorilla's other lover, Narciso, the tenor Jonathan Boyd revealed a voice of precocious if uncontrolled beauty. An unexpected excursion into falsetto proved an effective way of conveying the character's adolescence, which leaves Fiorilla no option in the end but to return to her tiresome husband.

The catalogue of mischances, disguises and mistaken identities is ingeniously held together by the central figure of a jobbing playwright, using the other characters as source material for his new plot. Baritone Mark Oldfield *assumes the part* with poetic finesse.

From the pit the chamber orchestra Eos gave lively support. Further performances tonight and Saturday, then the show tours to the Tyne Opera House in Newcastle upon Tyne (August 28, 30, September 2, 4, 6).

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DANCE

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Stravinsky Violin Concerto, which the master made for New York City Ballet's Stravinsky Festival in 1972, is a testing abstract work which brilliantly subverts the precepts of classical construction. Hips are aggressively thrust in pointed rebuke to elegantly academic lines, feet are turned from decoratively arched flourishes into assertively flexed starting points for cock-eyed movement. And yet the anarchy of such writing resides firmly within a highly sophisticated classical language.

Like the music, the dance is in four parts, with an opening and closing section for the ensemble and two central pas de deux which define the work's striking personality.

The first is a duet for two dancers (Muriel Maffre and Chidozie Nzerem) who are not concerned with connecting. They are aloof and testy, possibly angry, and certainly more anxious to express their own singularity than to celebrate the pleasure of partnership.

The second pas de deux (here danced by Katita Waldo and Benjamin Pierce) sets up a contrasting relationship. This couple are drawn to each other's warmth — he is tender and supportive, she is yielding and soft.

Although they are at home with the Balanchine language, the company could not quite muster the attack or indeed the glamour of the choreographer's intention. In the end the choreography was fascinating (because it is), but the dancing was not.

The glamour of *Symphony in C* is unmistakable. Made in 1947 for the Paris Opera Ballet, it is an utterly dazzling display of cultured dance inspired by Bizet's glorious score (played by a robust Royal Scottish National Orchestra, conducted by Emil de Cou). If there is one thing you need for *Symphony in C* it is overwhelming confidence. It is no good being tentative when Balanchine is out there going full blast, taking 19th-century academic dance on the ride of its life.

Yes, the final movement did thrill on Tuesday night — with 40 dancers whizzing through such a spectacle of accelerated classicism, how could we fail to be excited? And yes, the company did reveal an impressive depth. But where was the jubilation? Where was the sparkle?

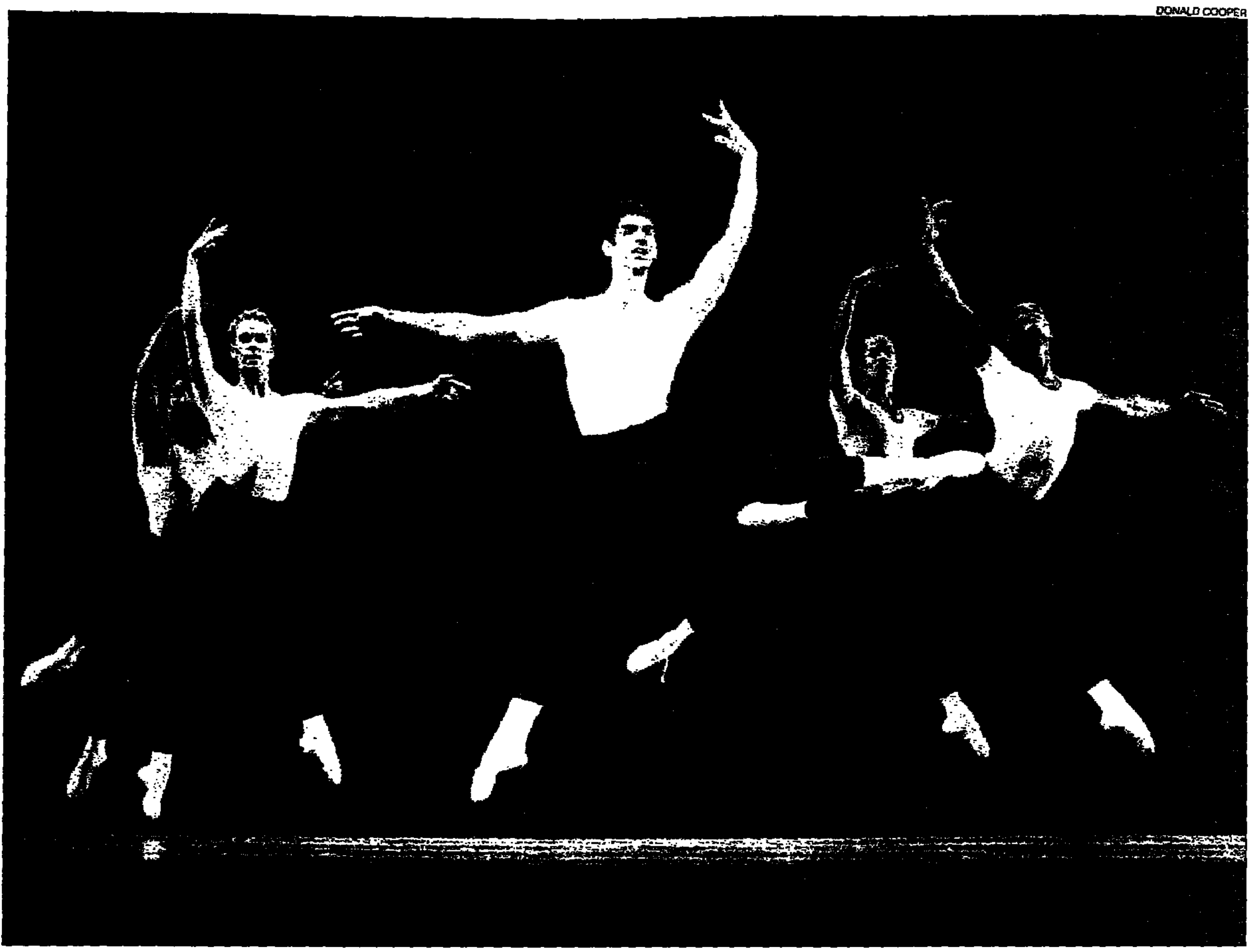
In between these two choreographic marvels, Helgi Tomasson, San Francisco Ballet's artistic director, inserted his own *Sonata*. Danced to Rachmaninov's Sonata for Cello and Piano (with cellist David Kadarauch and pianist Roy Bogas on stage), Tomasson's trifle offers a mushy alternative to Balanchine's incisive brilliance.

Sonata is a melancholic mood piece whose long, flaccid phrases of dance hint at emotional turning points without ever bringing them to life.

Outstanding amid the blandness, though, was Joanna Berman, a lushly lyrical dancer whose distinctive presence provided a real focal point. She, at least, was on top form.

DEBRA CRAINE

DONALD COOPER



Members of the San Francisco Ballet struggle to muster the necessary attack and glamour for Balanchine's brilliant but testing work, *Stravinsky Violin Concerto*

Climbing under the lid

CONCERTS

The Portuguese pianist Maria **João Pires** has let it be known that she would just as soon spend the whole rather than just half of the year on her farm, making it self-sufficient so that she will never have to go "out to work" again. The sense that she may be here today, gone tomorrow — that at any time her fresh, intensely musical and intensely individual playing might just vanish for ever from earshot — makes her performances all the more to be cherished.

That sense of living in a borrowed moment met its match in her concert at the Usher Hall in the Schubert she chose to play: the Four Impromptus D899 and the Three Moments musicaux D780. The Impromptus, for all their structural skill and emotional depth, live most fully when they live up to their name, and in Pires's fingers they certainly did. The single line plaint at the start of the C minor work hovered in the air as if improvised by a distant folk singer; the song of the G flat major seemed spun out of dreams; and the cascading figuration of the A flat major positively levitated above some of the lightest left-hand playing this piece can have known.

Pires, who strode on stage in homespun smock and heavy boots, also found the red blood pounding at the heart of these works. The second Impromptu pulsed with an inner anguish.

It is that sense of inner turmoil, of eavesdropped passion, which Pires excels in discovering: the more overt, physical struggle of Beethoven's music does not come so instinctively to her. Nevertheless, the Beethoven sonatas which framed the Schubert — the E major Op 109 and the *Appassionata* — were uniquely compelling, with varations of hypnotic intensity created through Pires's constant imaginative reinvention of phrasing and timbre.

It was quite a day. In the morning, the Queen's Hall saw the assembling of five musicians, any one of whom would have packed out the house. Violinists **Joshua Bell** and **Pamela Frank**, viola player **Tabea Zimmermann**, cellist **Steven Isserlis** and pianist **Stephen Hough** joined forces for a highly charged performance of Elgar's Piano Quintet. Before that Bell, Isserlis and Hough had played a remarkably broad, serene Mendelssohn Piano Trio No 1, prefaced by something of a discovery: Martinů's *Three Madrigals* for violin and viola played by Frank and Zimmermann.

As night fell and the windows of Greyfriars Kirk began to illumine the nether end of town, even rarer sounds could be heard from the old Grey Covenanters' church. This was no less than a Latin Mass by the erstwhile "Canon of Scone", Robert Carver, born in 1484.

Or was it? Having promised us "magnificent Renaissance polyphony" by a Scottish contemporary of Tallis, **Andrew Parrott** and his **Taverner Consort** disclosed in their programme note that the mass *Cantate Domino* was anonymous, possibly a reworking of another Mass, and that Carver's music, housed in the National Library of Scotland, was in a glorious muddle as regards sources, completions and chronology.

Be that as it may, the reconstruction we heard revealed a rich and strange fusion of late-medieval decorative style — ravishing writing for high soprano and devilish business for bass — and ecstatic High Renaissance counterpoint. Parrott's robust direction of his band of brightly coloured voices set this pivotal style into high relief.

HILARY FINCH

Cockney rebel's greatest miss

FRINGE

If small is beautiful, **Steven Berkoff** really should pack in his solo tours de force immediately, because there's little beauty left in his world, and his poetry of the street simply doesn't ring true any more. The UK premiere of *Massage* starts promisingly enough, with Berkoff — dragged up grotesquely to the nines like the panto dame he may yet end up being — in full pout as the backstreet masseuse performing extras for her clapped-out clientele.

What follows is a meticulous and cruel dissection of the English attitude to sex, via outmoded notions of domestic bliss and backstreet love which look something between archaic and extinct. For, while no one is denying that the sauna trade is booming, the sex, rather than being grubby and desperate, is presented as a nudge nudge anachronism to be made light of, while Berkoff's depiction of working-class life — seen no doubt through bifocals by a Berkoff looking back on his own humble boyhood — is cheaply patronising.

Barry Philips, Berkoff's foil, is just as guilty of cheapening things, and neither seems to have moved on since their glory days, when chirpy Cockneys were a novelty.

The only truth comes via Berkoff's typically top-shelf gynaecological soliloquies, and it was fascinating to note that, while the acolytes swallowed everything whole, the cutglass laughter that accompanied the domestic scenes was soon silenced by the fleshier bits. Anyone who thinks this is shocking should get out more.

Berkoff needs to learn that sex these days is far more complicated and relationships far more fractured than when he was a lad. Benny Hill died a long time ago.

And so to **Flux**, the musical boot up the backside Edinburgh has been waiting for for donkey's years. Having had the big boys from down south in already, Tuesday night was local heroes' night, or rather Glasgow heroes' night, as all three bands that noised up the bill had jumped the great East Coast-West Coast divide and made Edinburgh their own.

The Delgados' spiky boy/girl pop has come of age of late, and is now tight as a tick. The fact that Chemikal Underground, their cottage industry record label, appears to be building the most interesting roster in Scotland has given the band both confidence and credibility points. Vocalist Alun Woodward's between-song banter is lifted straight from the Stephen Pastel school of stage deportment — while his vocal partner Emma Pollock seems uncharacteristically gigglesome — but they deliver a set that cuts through the Scottish Sonic Youth comparisons and should make them pop stars in their own right.

The mock Baroque flourishes of only occasionally audible flute and cello helped them to swoop and soar in the heat of the Jaffa Cake, where *Thirteen Gliding Principles* proved still to be their best song. Only just, mind.

Mogwai's bass-driven instrumental slabs of glory crashed through the night, with a driven guitar assault that drags Can into pre-millennium frenzy, whisks it up with Joy Division and Bark Psychosis and serves liberally. Which is what won them so many Single of the Week awards — although here it was primarily new material on offer, with only *New Paths To Helicon* familiar to these ears.

The original core quartet has been joined by former Teenage Fanclub and Telstar Pony madman Brendan O'Hare, who has forsaken his drums to become a fully fledged axe hero. There's even a Spacemen 3 cover version, by the end of which your heart's pounding out of synch to a different beat and you think you are about to expire. Mogwai *are* the future. Right here. Right now. Know what I mean?

Meanwhile, **Urusei Yatsura's** Yankee-influenced riff-o-rama should make the crossover soon. They have already moved on from their initial cartoonified trappings. Don't anyone mention the words "Scotland" and "lo-fi" in the same breath any more.

NEIL COOPER

A funny business, cruelty

COMEDY

AS THE boat of observational humour sinks under the revelation that there is nothing left to observe, the salvation of comedy comes from some odd quarters.

Comedy is the new cruelty, and **Chumb Zarathustra** (Pleasance) has a firm grip on the electric cattle prod. This cabaret is populated by black-clad sub-men in severe wigs, Romans in fluorescent fun fur, drunk women threatening to strip and the last man on earth, mixed in with aphorisms ("What was the greatest crime of the 20th century? It was Birmingham") and music from the Opera Device.

There is something infinitely pleasing about hearing a serious operatic soprano belting out lyrics so filthy that even Schnittke's ears would shrivel up. Although occasionally too clever for its own good, Chumb Z balances the supreme arrogance of the League Against Tedium with honest-to-God silliness and fart jokes. The audience is made to wear dunce's caps, disinfected with spray guns, humiliated, parodied and finally forced out of the auditorium by the spectacle of the entire cast dribbling on to the stage.

The show relies heavily on computer technology to keep the music booming and the slogans flashing up on screens, but at its core is a solid mix of sketches, jokes and songs. The multimedia side is integrated perfectly with the live action and, while it keeps moving at a rapid pace, the show is proof that material does not need to be dumbed down to keep the audience crying with laughter.

More low-tech but clever also is **In Love 2** (Gilded Balloon), a two-person sketch show about sex and love. Janie Anderson and Gregg Fleet keep the dialogue minimal, but when it comes it is beautifully written and often poignant: "Many times, when I thought Sylvie had been looking into my eyes, she had just been looking."

While most contemporary comedy takes the situation and tries to universalise it, Anderson and Fleet take one basic scenario of boy meets girl and test it through hundreds of permutations. The mixture of characters is wonderful, in particular the woman who falls in love with a fireman and has to keep setting fire to her house so that he can come to rescue her.

What the show manages to capture are the moments of lost logic that love generates, both as it begins and as it ends. A woman who suspects her boyfriend of having an affair asks plaintively: "Why didn't he at least have the decency to empty the ash tray?" Another character admits: "All my best relationships have been with men that I didn't particularly care about, and all my worst have been with men I did."

Much of the humour lies in the accomplished performances, in particular Anderson's expressive face, and the perfectly judged bathos. Apart from a cracking soundtrack, which ranges from Radiohead to Mozart, and a slide projector, *In Love 2* uses no clever tricks, but manages nonetheless to be cruel, personal and funny.

Fleet also has a solo show (Gilded Balloon) which follows the fortunes of an old man in a tower block, mingled with memories from Fleet's real and surreal childhood. Sad and funny, it covers everything from collective LSD hallucinations to the boyhood discovery that "hurting yourself in the nude was the ultimate in humour".

● The shortlist for this year's Perrier Award for Comedy is: The League of Gentleman, Al Murray, Milton Jones, Johnny Vegas and Graham Norton. The winner will be announced next week.

HETTIE JUDAH

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Fighting his nature's opposition

Roy Jenkins on the ambiguous career of a contradictory politician

This is the first full (but not excessive) length biography of Cripps since 1957, although there had been three before that and during his lifetime, which ended in 1952. There is thus quite a gap to be filled, for Cripps was, with Ernest Bevin (whose fame has weathered better) one of the two pillars which upheld the arch of the Attlee Government. Moreover, he had a varied, indeed disjointed career which did not just depend upon its 1947-50 climax, and those of whom this is true mostly make the more rewarding biographical subjects: Disraeli, say, compared with Bonar Law, or Balfour compared with Nigel Lawson — there was not much juice in the latter two of each pair outside their comparatively brief periods of high office.

How well does Chris Bryant fill the gap? The answer, I think, is that at the macro level he does so very well indeed, but at the micro level a great deal less so (these jargonish terms are not inappropriate to Cripps, who in spite of his brilliance as an advocate never had much feel for elegance of language and was moreover the Chancellor to introduce an economic planning department into the Treasury).

The macro is of course by definition more important than the micro, and by Bryant's success at this level I mean that he understands Cripps well, sometimes writing paragraphs of great penetration about him. He avoids hagiography by a wide margin; he has done more than adequate research into the lay-bys of Cripps's life, such as his oddly motivated although grandly executed round-the-world tour (mainly India, China with an offshoot to Russia) in, of all periods to choose, the autumn, winter and early spring of 1939-40, or his immersion in aircraft types during his anticlimatic but highly competent years as Minister of Aircraft Production from 1942 to 1945. Bryant maintains throughout a high sense of proportion and a good narrative swing. By his micro faults I mean first that, while his style is in general a good enough vehicle for telling his story, it frequently erupts into wild infelicities in the choice of words. Some of them, such as "workerist" as an adjective in front of rhetoric, simply do not exist. Others, such as Cripps's attempts to "superglue" the Labour Party to its socialist pretensions are ugly without being illuminating. And a few more are inappropriate: "not a peach job" is hardly either necessary or well-chosen as a description of the embassy to Moscow in 1940-41.

STAFFORD CRIPPS
The First Modern Chancellor
By Chris Bryant
Hodder & Stoughton, £25
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Also, although the core of his research has been thorough, inaccuracies of nomenclature and sometimes of more important facts betray, at the edges, a lack of instinctive familiarity with the period. G. D. H. Cole described himself as such, but was Douglas to his intimates and never "George Cole" to anybody. Mr Bryant falls several times into this hazard. Furthermore, Orwell and not Hemingway wrote *Homage to Catalonia*. Lytton Strachey was certainly not a former Labour MP, and Douglas Jay was never Minister of Pensions.

Nevertheless, Bryant is very skilled or lucky at confining the weaknesses of his book to such inessentials. He has a good feel for the curious ambiguity of Cripps's career. This had no natural progression. Although he came of a political family, Cripps took no part in politics until he was over 40. The first Labour Government and the General Strike both left him undeflected from his legal practice, which was as specialised as it was successful, concentrated upon complicated commercial actions. Church affairs were almost his only diversion during this period.

Then he came into the Labour Party with a golden spoon in his mouth. He was imposed upon a Bristol constituency in order that he might immediately take his place on the second MacDonald Government's front bench as Solicitor-General. After a brief post-1931 period in a triumvirate of leadership of the almost annihilated parliamentary leadership he plunged further and further to the left. The content of his statements, still delivered in a precise legal voice, became increasingly shrill. The clerk of the Labour establishment became a self-appointed tribune of the minority. In 1939 he was expelled from the Labour Party, and remained an isolated but at times extremely powerful voice until 1945. As ambassador to Moscow he fortuitously became the symbol of successful Russian resistance to Hitler. There was a short period, in 1942, when it almost seemed as though he might replace Churchill. Then his star faded, and he served for the rest of the war as an effective but essentially peripheral departmental minister.

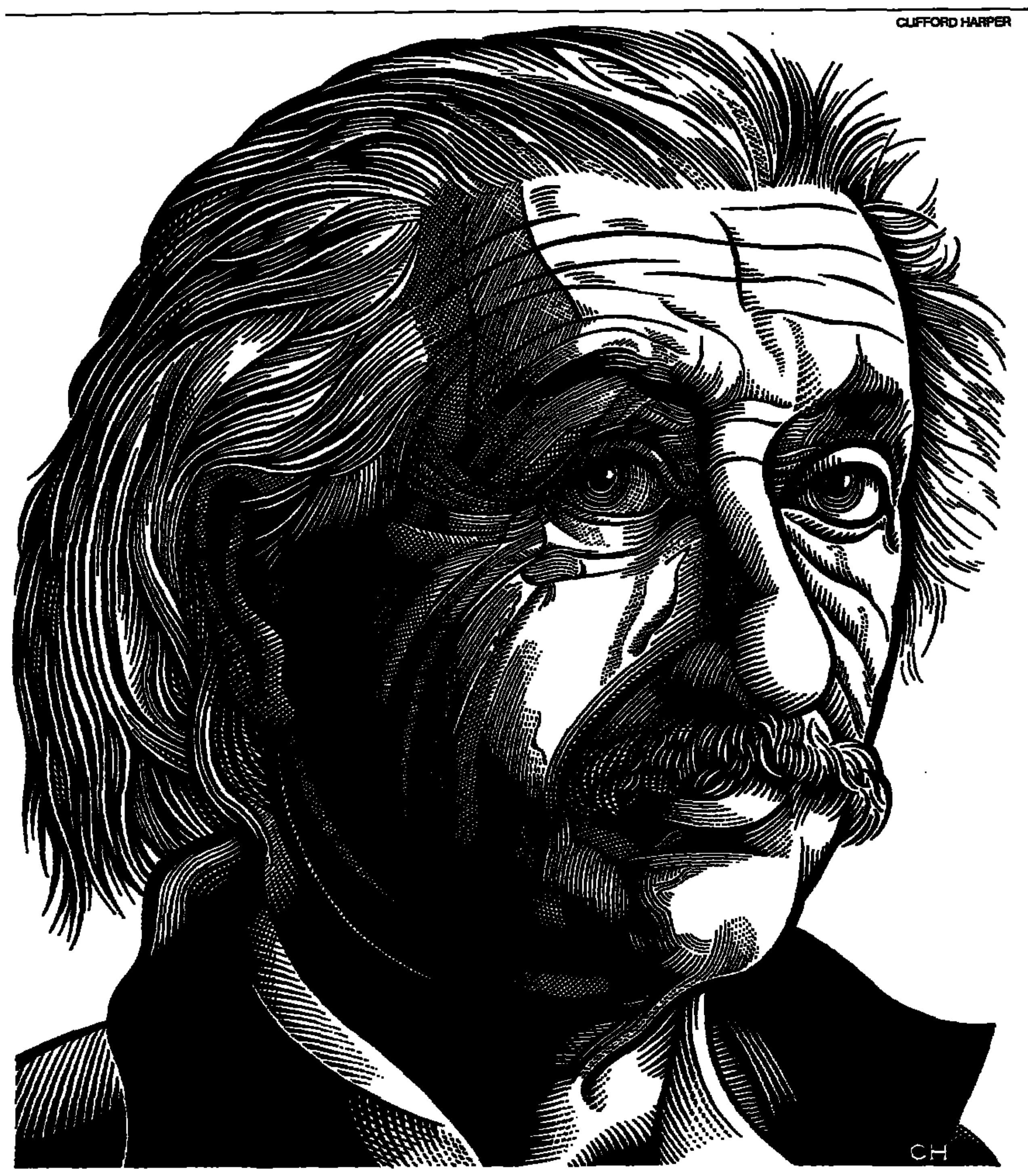
By the beginning of the Attlee Government he was back in communion with official Labour and rose inexorably over the next two years to be the dominating economic minister. As an austere but commanding Chancellor he became the embodiment of responsible government and self-disciplined patriotism. The connection between this dedicated servant of the State and the unanchored agitator of the Thirties became difficult to recall. It was almost as though the Russians, during his embassy, had performed some motiveless feat of substitution.

The signing of the Burma Treaty, 1947: Cripps, Thakin Nu, Attlee and Bevin

Cripps's authority again became great, but longer-lasting than in 1942. Supporting his economic leadership was the major role which he had played in negotiating Indian independence. Seven years Attlee's junior, it seemed plausible in 1948 and 1949 that he might be his successor. Maybe this would not have occurred in any event. He had many of the qualities of leadership, but they were balanced by a lack of common sense and an inability to see problems in perspective. He was at once clever and naive, penetrating and unsubtle.

This mixture of qualities may have made him best commanding a vital segment of the front and not the overall operation, a role he brilliantly fulfilled for a relatively short period. But ill-health drove him into retirement five years before Attlee, who survived him by 14 years: his possible succession was never put to the test. But he remains one of the outstanding architects of postwar Britain. Bryant understands very well the strengths and weaknesses of this inspirational, unusual but ill-rounded man.

Roy Jenkins's Gladstone *is published in paperback by Papermac, priced £10.*



CLIFFORD HARPER

Roy Porter is swamped by the details of a scientist's life

When the value of facts is only relative

Albert Einstein became a myth in his own lifetime — the theorist of relativity, the Nobel laureate, the greatest physicist of the 20th century, the tireless pacifist. Absent-minded, unworldly, with that memorable mane of white hair, that droopy moustache, that twinkle in his eye, he became not just the world's idea of scientific genius but the acceptable face of science in the age of the Bomb. But what was the life behind the legend? Actuality was more intriguing than image, as the German physicist and writer Albrecht Fölsing documents in exhausting detail.

Contrary to myth, Einstein was not a failure at school. But there was something self-generated about the intense passion for physics which he carried from childhood to the grave. The solitary voyaging of the pioneer — at first forced upon him, later self-created — sustained his sense of wonder at nature and preserved his childlike confidence in his own prodigious powers.

Also contrary to myth, Einstein's abiding sense of being an outsider had little, initially at least, to do with being a Jew forced to make his way in a Gentile world. Though German-born, young Albert received most of his education and gained his first posts in Switzerland; there, and later in Prague where he took a chair, his ethnic origins proved little handicap and, like many Jews around 1900, he was rather eager (perhaps like Freud) to forget about the religion and the Jewish culture of his family. Indeed he married out, his first wife being a Greek Orthodox Serb. What truly fuelled his sense of being a loner was his profound antipathy to the chauvinism gripping even his fellow scientists in the run-up to the First World War. Einstein, who adopted Swiss citizenship, could never fathom why a person's nationality was of any significance.

ALBERT EINSTEIN
A Biography
By Albrecht Fölsing
Viking, £25
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How then was it that in due course he became a leading campaigner for Zionism? It was the upsurge of vicious anti-Semitism in post-1918 Germany that stirred his dormant sense of Jewish identity and led him, once he had become the world's most famous scientist — indeed, the world's most famous Jew — to campaign not for "Israel", yet another chauvinist nation state, but for turning Palestine into a cultural homeland for the Jews.

Attacked by anti-Semites and militant Zionists alike, Einstein was probably no more adroit at politics than at marriage. But his indiscretions somehow never mattered with the wider public, anxious to clutch hold of the coat-tails of genius, and delighted to find that such a brain could be loveable, approachable and humble, something like a cross between Christ and Chaplin, a latter-day holy fool.

All this is meticulously recorded in this monster book which, at risk of national stereotyping, could be said to have all the virtues of Prussian thoroughness (nor is it helped by Ewald Osers's wooden translation). The trouble is that livelier biographies have appeared recently, and Fölsing cannot outgun them with untapped sources or dazzling psychological insights.

The reader craves to be let into the secret of Einstein's psyche. From Arthur Koestler to Adrian Desmond, science biographers have given us windows onto scientists' minds: Fölsing, by contrast, rarely rises above a recital of Einstein's appointments diary.

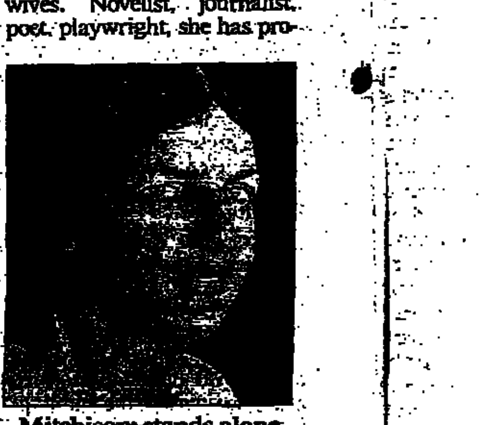
You can be too polite

A. L. Kennedy

THE NINE LIVES OF NAOMI MITCHISON
By Jenni Calder
Virago, £20
ISBN 1 85381 724 4

A *New Statesman* review of Naomi Mitchison's novel *Cloud Cuckoo Land* runs "... she has the ease, that definiteness of success, which shows that failure was not even thinkable: she does not make a book, it is there, real, solid, intimidating." The same might be said of Mitchison herself. Long claimed as a Scottish author, Mitchison has been an alarming gold standard beside which the achievements of other Scottish writers tend to shrivel. She is a hard, if not impossible, act to follow. Her pursuit of excellence is a simple and often unselfconscious part of her nature, but it is also capable of producing the kind of awe which makes Calder's a very polite biography of a — quite frequently — very impolite lady.

Now in her 100th year Mitchison has embraced a life of remarkable passion, commitment and sheer *activity*. Born in the genteel, intellectual Haldane dynasty, she became a nurse in the First World War, stunned International Brigaders with lectures on safe sex and energetically farmed her way through the Second World War. She charmed, infuriated, campaigned and wrote among Chelsea Bohemians, Carradale fishermen, Botswanan villagers and parliamentary wives. Novelist, journalist, poet, playwright, she has produced more than 70 books, been mother to seven children and enjoyed one husband and several lovers.



Mitchison: stands alone

Liaisons apart, Mitchison loved to stand alone. Having capsized a canoe she was learning to paddle, she answered her gentlemanly instructor's "I'll rescue you" with "no you won't". She felt herself constantly in danger of being a possession within relationships. Her desire was to compete on equal terms with men. Calder's approach is gentle, but still makes clear that Mitchison never really got her level playing field. After a decade or so of success leading into the Thirties, Mitchison's work lost favour. Despite ecstatic early reviews, by the Forties she was struggling to write and sustain her faith in her own abilities alone.

The literary establishment never forgave her postwar move to Scotland, long before Scottish writing became sexy. Readers may note that the London-centred, male-orientated literary culture described is not entirely unfamiliar today.

On these and other points, Calder relies fairly uncritically on Mitchison's undoubted abilities as an autobiographer. Mitchison is quoted as saying: "All my life I have been very much in the hands of the books I was writing ... any of what I did was also part of a book." Far be it from me to suggest that you can trust what any writer says in this area about as far as you can spit hot wax ... but there are times when Calder seems frustratingly content to accept the image Mitchison presents without further question.

I abhor the second-guesses of pop psychological biographers and don't suggest that Calder should have done a knife job on an admirable woman. But Mitchison, a writer fearlessly and clinically interested in her own and other's motivations, might sometimes have deserved a little more investigation.

Not that this isn't an immensely readable book, detailed enough to set up historical context without being stodgy, and well-disposed to the subject without being idolatrous. A decision has been taken to concentrate more on the life and less on the artistic process, but this has produced a work which will encourage readers to rediscover Mitchison's writing for themselves — something I applaud wholeheartedly.

A. L. Kennedy's Original Bliss *is published by Cape, priced £14.99.*

The familial crises of two Cuban misses

Rachel Campbell-Johnston

THE AGÜERO SISTERS
By Cristina Garcia
Picador, 15.99
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CUBA, the outpost of a decayed ideal, nurtures a distinctive temperament. The giddy hedonism of an island which surely senses it cannot barricade itself much longer against the modern world mingles with disappointment of a shattered dream. This novel by Cuban emigrée Cristina Garcia captures both these moods, distilling them into the twinned themes of sex and death.

The Agüero Sisters is the interleaving narrative of two daughters, Reina and Constancia. Reina, the younger, works as an electrician in Cuba. Statuesque and sensual, with thighs strengthened by shinning up telegraph poles, her body is an open invitation to pleasure. "If she could grasp nothing in its entirety then why not celebrate what she could grasp with her own senses." She luxuriates in a power to reduce men to a state of helplessness. But when she is struck by lightning (the improbable becomes the norm in this novel) she begins to think it would be better if she were dead. Her grafted skin, mismatched and scratchy, smells to her of blood and sour milk. It ruins her familiar pleasures — "her rapture and her hot black scent". Until suddenly, at precisely 5.13 one morning, she suddenly knows one thing for certain: that she can no longer stay in Cuba. She illicitly escapes to join her sister Constancia in Miami.

Constancia, her elder sister, is petite with lacquered nails, carnelian lips and a firm belief that comfort should never be placed before style. Owner of a successful company manufacturing beauty products, her chief concern is to stave off women's "little everyday deaths". "If politics have betrayed the Cubans and geography overlooked them, her Cuerpo de Cuba products still manage to touch the pink roots of their sadness."

Though the two sisters seem so different, they are rooted in a Cuban past which draws them together. The voices of their parents — two biologists whose life of shared passion ended in sudden and violent death — provides a context for their daughters' voices. Together they shape a mesmerising — if bewildering — portrait of a family whose lives reflect the mood and history of Cuba.

This is a loose, drifting novel. Curiously, and often irritatingly, nebulous, the plot hinges on memories and emotions, magic and impossible turns of fate. To try to pin it down is to lose it. "You don't know how much of what you see, *mi hija*, you never see at all," Reina's mother says. But always a stringent sense of reality twists through the dreams. History forms a harsh bedrock to this tale.

The mind behind the apron

Karen Armstrong

WHO'S AFRAID OF FREEMASONS?
The Phenomenon of Freemasonry
By Alexander Piatigorsky
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FEW organisations can have inspired such suspicion, irritation and fascination as Freemasonry. Masons have been condemned by the Roman Catholic Church as the enemies of religion: they have been accused of engaging in a worldwide conspiracy; their secret practices arouse both derision and dread: they have been associated with some of the wilder speculations about the origins of Christianity, featuring the Turin Shroud, the Knights Templar, Holy Blood and Holy Grail.

Alexander Piatigorsky has attempted an academic exploration of Freemasonry as a religious, intellectual and social phenomenon. He examines the myths and rituals of the Lodge in comparative perspective, showing their similarity to elements in Buddhism, ancient Semitic religion as well as to Christianity. He also outlines the history of Freemasonry from its official emergence in the early 18th century and discusses the significance of the Masons' belief that their society can be traced back to Cain, who built the first city.

Unfortunately, readers who felt confused about Freemasonry before embarking on this book are likely to be even more perplexed by the time they stagger to the end. Piatigorsky has no gift for narrative and impedes the progress of his argument with a mass of unnecessary, repetitive and misplaced speculation, theory and personal reflection. He has the annoying habit of introducing a potentially fascinating insight (as, for example, that the first British Masons saw Freemasonry as a solution to the endemic tension between individual desire and public responsibility) without explaining precisely what he means.

Nevertheless, fitful moments of illumination make this frequently frustrating book worthwhile. It would appear, for example, that despite its conscious archaism, Freemasonry is an essentially modern movement, at one and the same time a reaction against the rationalism of the Enlightenment and an attempt to cast some of its precepts into an alternative form. Thus the syncretism of Freemasonry, which blends many diverse religious strains, can be compared to the Deism of the *philosophes*, which also sought to transcend the narrower confines of dogmatic faith.

Again, the Freemasons' emphasis on history can be seen in much the same light as later attempts by Hegel or Marx to discern the underlying theme that impels history forward. Piatigorsky shows that the Masons' rewriting of world history was a philosophical rather than a factual exercise, intended as a symbolic manifestation of a trans-historical power that forms history but is not formed by it.

Indeed, like other religious movements, Freemasonry may well provide rituals and myths that enable people to cope with the peculiar stress and paradox of Western modernity. The great merit of Piatigorsky's book is his refusal to patronise Masons and his scrupulous attempt to see their ideas on their own terms. Perhaps any attempt to articulate rationally an esoteric philosophy, which of its very nature can only make sense to initiates and which appeals to a level beneath the cerebral and the conscious, is doomed to make it seem even more incomprehensible to outsiders than it is in practice.

BRYN COLTON

Lodge concern: a Freemason General

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Paradise amidst suburbia

Roy Strong strolls through a stately work on Windsor

ROYAL LANDSCAPE
The Gardens and Parks of Windsor
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One of my more hilarious memories of the gardens and parks of Windsor is of a crew arriving to film the East Garden of the Castle and no one knowing where the switch which worked the fountain was to be located. Sadly the fountain known to Queen Victoria had been handed over to Kew Gardens, replaced in this reign by a hideous bronze lotus.

That anecdote in a way sums up the history of almost anything royal. Inevitably, even in the case of parks and gardens, interest ebbs and flows as much as the availability of cash. And taste and aesthetic flair equally comes and goes. In this sense parks and gardens are far more vulnerable than buildings through the damage which can be done by sheer neglect.

Being enmeshed into the Royal Household (she is Curator of the Print Room in the Royal Library at Windsor Castle) Jane Roberts knows all of this only too well, but it has inhibited her sharp mind from uttering, for example, a word of criticism about the actions of her present employers, such as the demolition of most of the famous Victorian Kitchen Garden buildings. But this in no way detracts from a masterly volume which is essentially one of reference. Nonetheless, great pleasure is to be derived from the superb accumulation of visual evidence and the equally elegant presentation characteristic of Yale University Press.

Windsor Great Park and the smaller area to the north, Home Park, today consists of some 5,500 acres. This is the story of a remarkable continuity — more, I think, than any other royal domain, for this was once part of the hunting forest of the Norman kings. Yet today there is little that pre-dates the Restoration of the monarchy in 1660. To that era belongs the Long Walk, the spectacular avenue which strides away from the Castle to the Great Park. Everything else from the Baroque era has vanished, including the miles of rides along which the chaise bearing the corpulent Queen Anne bowled in pursuit of deer.

The park today is largely a monument to three members of the House of Hanover. The first is "Butcher" Cumberland who, in the aftermath of Culloden, set about transforming the landscape with temples, grottoes and eyecatchers. His greatest creation was the under-appreciated Virginia Water, the largest artificial lake ever made in Georgian England. The second is George III's Queen, Charlotte. To her we owe the enchantments of Frogmore House and the paradise surrounding it, a delight obscured by the gloom of Victoria and Albert's mausoleum.

Number three, the prodigal George VI, should have left more of a mark than he did. Here he hid himself away with his mistresses at Royal Lodge, hurtling by secret ways down to his Disneyland Chinese Temple built "to enable royalty and the paramour of royalty to angle for minnows and sticklebacks". Not only has this gone, but all of Royal Lodge, too, bar one room. His East Terrace Garden, changed, remains at the Castle, as does the once glorious Ruins of Leptis Magna, by Virginia Water, today a very sorry sight crying out for restoration.

By then the Great Park was a symbol of much that would have brought the monarchy tumbling had it not been for Albert, the Prince Consort. Everything now had to be done for profit and information. Model farms were built, the labouring classes cared for, prize cattle bred and steam-powered machinery introduced. Even, shades of our own age, chemical fertilisers were used. The Prince saw farming as an "industrial pursuit requiring capital, machinery and industry".

In this century only Sir Eric Savill has added anything of substance with his between-the-wars gardens of flowering shrubs. What is so striking is that it took the monarchy centuries to attain privacy but, once achieved, the forces of democracy eroded it again. These pressures have never ceased. Indeed, the Queen has annually to open her only private garden, the cemetery of Frogmore. What will happen in the new reign to this oasis in what has become suburbia it is intriguing to speculate. In the meantime, Jane Roberts has provided everyone connected with Windsor Great Park with a magisterial work of reference by which to govern its management in the future.

Loving care: repairing the imposing Copper Horse, erected by George IV in memory of his father, in 1969

Different from the rest of us

Lesley Chamberlain

EXTRAORDINARY MINDS
By Howard Gardner
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What makes the kind of extraordinary person who changes the way we think, listen, write or view the world? And is it something science can and should measure? Howard Gardner, who holds chairs of education and neurology at Harvard and Boston, believes extraordinary people have common characteristics: they reflect continually on their human condition and their work, they lever themselves forward by concentrating on their strengths and bypassing their weaknesses, and they almost revel in their setbacks.

The Master type, Mozart, is possessed by "the skill, the personality, the will, indeed the rage" to bring his art to perfection. His struggle with his father and established taste is less interesting than the fact that music fills his being, that composing is less fatiguing than resting, and that his artistic personality always retains the childlike alongside the adult. Freud doesn't perfect but creates new areas of knowledge. He is the exemplary Maker, driven, addicted to his work, and quick to recover from criticism. Others are drawn into his orbit at their peril.

Enthralled by classifying, system-building and problem-solving, he is above all a problem finder. The arch-introspector Virginia Woolf is a similarly driven pioneer, wanting to explore and spell out how it feels to be conscious, but her domain is herself. "An accelerator but no brakes," in Quentin Bell's phrase, she surfs the highs of manic depression, and has clear, true vision in its troughs. Family problems add to her inwardness. She, whose life would end in suicide, is less than exemplary in dealing with criticism and adversity.

Gandhi, the Influencer, is at once far more orientated towards other people, and perceptive of their motives, than the other three types. His drive is to speak up, to risk his position in the group, to examine his own values and set new standards. If you want to be extraordinary you should live in the right age, when a rush of new ideas waits to be synthesised. Better, understand the uses of failure and introspection and wrestle with tension, don't solve it. And I would say, though Gardner neglects the topics, you should also be ill and be lonely.

This is a peculiarly mixed-up, ill-tuned book, which at times reads like a careers guidance booklet and feels like an approach to the altar in wellies. Its "scientific" quality is less obvious than its decency. Gardner perhaps remembers, as I do, those Good Lives that were the stuff of junior school silent reading, and before the sexuality of Florence Nightingale was unmasked. While acknowledging the pain extraordinary people often cause, he is right to admire genius and look at its benign, pedagogical aspects. Egalitarian or perhaps just cynical colleagues on the Post-Modern bandwagon who accuse Gardner of betraying the genius of Joe Soap, seem wrong to the point of betraying the human race.

But this book is too small for its aims, too painfully pedestrian in style, and lacks reference to older research into greatness, above all I think to Freud's erstwhile colleague Adler. The theory of over-compensation for weaknesses took Mozart as one of its greatest exemplars.

Woolf, Gandhi: genius

Held in bondage to event

David Dabydeen

FEEDING THE GHOSTS
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In September 1781, the Liverpool ship *Zong* left the coast of Africa for Jamaica with 470 slaves on board. By November, more than 60 slaves had died, and the captain decided to dispose of half the rest who were sick by throwing them overboard. English law at the time, the captain believed, would define them as goods lost at sea, and their insurance value would be recoverable. When the claim was lodged in London, the underwriters refused to pay up, a court case ensued, and the captain won. Abolitionists like Granville Sharp described the death of the Africans as "a flagrant offence against God and against all mankind". He pressed for the captain and his crew to be prosecuted for murder, but no such action was entertained by the courts.

The *Zong* case received considerable publicity in England, and many anti-slavery tracts used it as an example of the barbarity to which the English nation had sunk in its commercial greed. Popular ballads exploited its lurid sensational details, and helped to bring the Abolition movement to the attention of the common people. The most famous work inspired by *Zong* was Turner's painting *The Slave Ship*, exhibited at the Royal Academy in 1840. It was, according to Ruskin, his greatest work in the sublime style. In *The Slave Ship*, the act of inhumanity is commemorated in the epic raging of the elements. The very sea and sky are caught up in monumental suffering. The 19th century produced no greater testimony to the cruelties of the African trade than Turner's painting.

Turner's work raised questions about how best to represent slavery which are still relevant today. Artists like Blake dwelt in detail on the gross abuse of the African body, but Turner avoided the physical altogether, preferring to let the viewer *imagine* the horrors of slavery. Black writers of our time have faced a similar challenge. Charles Johnson, in his magnificent novel *The Middle Passage*, chose Turner's path, his prose conveying the epic energy of the sea. A novel on slavery, it is also an old-fashioned sea yarn, Johnson packing his narrative with vivid descriptions of storms and creating characters whose erudition and philosophical ruminations deliberately break the frame of realism. Like Toni Morrison's *Beloved*, Johnson's interest is as much in the *writing* of slavery, as in slavery itself. He plays with language with the exuberance and inventiveness of a poet.

Fred D'Aguiar, a fine poet, strenuously avoids lyrical treatment of slavery in his new novel. The sublimity of Turner, the proto-Expressionism of Blake and the magical realism of Johnson and Morrison are not for him. He chooses a documentary style, giving us the facts and the figures of the *Zong* episode, and not bothering much with the creation of character or colour. It is a novel that is consciously more "faction" than fiction. Captain Collingwood, villain of the piece, has no existence outside the ship and the High Court. The slaves are given little recollection of their villages, except for "noble savage" type "dances in the arms of lovers, dances at harvest, at births, at deaths …" No attempt is made to imagine Africa, or individual lives.

Stripping the novel of artistic language and vivid imagery can work successfully: Ishiguro's stated intention (albeit tongue-in-cheek) has been to write without "effects". In D'Aguiar's writing, however, the flattening of the narrative leaves the impression that the poet is taking a break from poetry by producing a perfunctory novel. But he is too good a writer to be truly dull and to engage in self-denial. There is the occasional surge of imagery that suddenly disturbs the prose, reminding us of D'Aguiar's talent. His effort to write a dull novel fails, thankfully, at these moments.

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The suffering sea: Turner's *The Slave Ship* expresses the horror of slavery indirectly

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Central Lancashire Uni	01772 201 201	London Guildhall Uni	0171 320 1111	Sunderland Uni	0191 515 3000
Central Sch Speech & Drama	0171 722 8183	London Inst	0171 514 6000	Surrey Uni	0800 980 3200
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City Uni	0171 477 8877	Manchester Uni	0161 275 2077	Swansea Inst	0800 731 0884
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East London Uni	0181 849 3443	North London Uni	0171 753 3355	West of England Uni	0117 965 6261
Edge Hill Uni Col	01695 584 584	Northumbria Uni	0191 227 4777	Westminster Col, Oxford	01865 793 876
Essex Uni	01206 873 666	Norwich City Col	01603 773 344	Westminster Uni	0171 911 5000
European Business School	0171 487 7507	Nottingham	0115 951 5752	Wolverhampton Uni	01902 323 232
Exeter Uni	01392 263 035	Nottingham Trent Uni	0115 941 8418	Worcester Col	01905 855 111
Glamorgan Uni	0800 716 925	Oxford Brookes Uni	01865 483 040	Wye Col, London	01233 812 401
Glasgow Uni	0141 330 4912	Paisley Uni	0990 403020	Writtle Col	01245 420 705
Glasgow Caledonian Uni	0141 331 3138	Peterborough Regional College	01733 673 66	York Uni	01904 433 020
Goldsmiths Col, London	0171 919 7500	Plymouth Uni	01752 233400	UNIVERSITY OF WALES	
Grantham Col	01476 400 200	Portsmouth Uni	01705 876 543		
Greenwich Uni	0800 005 006	Queen Margaret Col	0131 317 3399	Aberystwyth	01970 621 997
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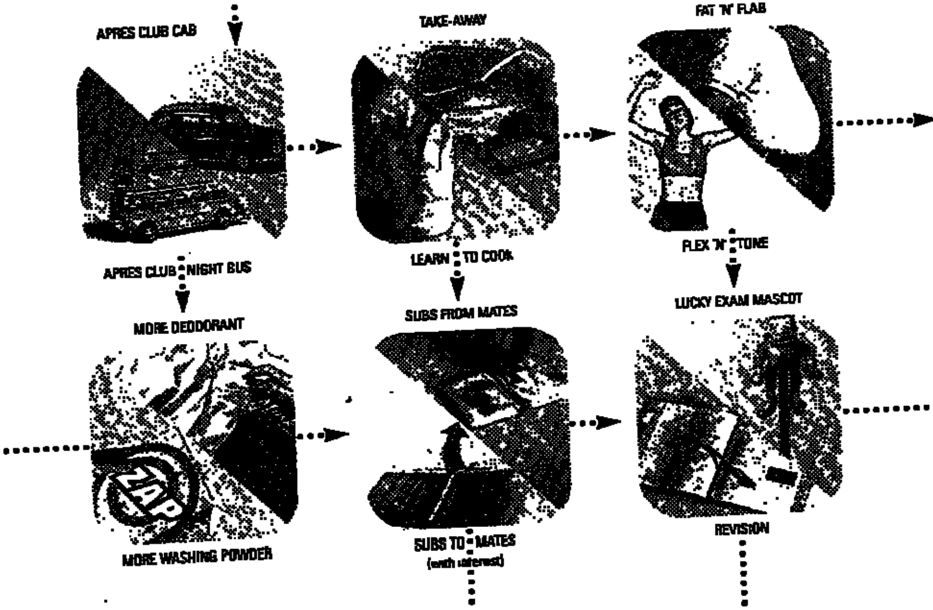

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FOOTBALL

League will wait for referee to report on Blackley

By Our Sports Staff

SCOTTISH League officials will wait for a report from Hugh Dallas, the referee, before deciding whether to take action against John Blackley, the St Johnstone assistant manager, for his furious reaction to the award of a penalty to Celtic in the Scottish Coca-Cola Cup third-round tie on Tuesday night.

Blackley needed to be restrained by police after Dallas awarded a penalty for handball against Calum Davidson during extra time. Simon Donnelly scored to secure a 1-0 victory for Celtic and a place in the quarter-finals.

Dallas had earlier sent off John O'Neil, of St Johnstone, for aiming a kick at Malky Mackay and, moments before the end, O'Neil's team-mate, Roddy Grant, was shown the red card for deliberate handball. It was the penalty decision, however, that drew the greatest anger from Blackley as unfancied St Johnstone, the surprise package of the season so far, frustrated their more illustrious opponents.

The Scottish League will ultimately decide Blackley's fate as the Coca-Cola Cup falls under their jurisdiction, rather than the Scottish Football Association. Paul Sturrock, the St Johnstone manager, said: "It got a bit heated in the dug-out at times. As it happens, I do feel it was a penalty kick. Sometimes you get the rub of the green, sometimes you don't."

The Celtic match-winner, Donnelly, hopes that his team can improve on their lacklustre display at McDiarmid Park on Tuesday and leave with the same result when they make the return journey for a Bell's Scottish League premier division encounter on Saturday. Celtic have lost both of their opening league fixtures and Donnelly said: "We have to use this game as lift-off after such a bad start and we must come back here and get three league points on the board. We have maybe been guilty of not battling in our last few games, but here we proved we can fight as well as play."

"It was a hard game for us, but we just gave it 100 per cent and got through, which will give us confidence for the challenges ahead of us."

Ally McCoist re-wrote another chapter in the Rangers' record books on Tuesday night when his hat-trick in the 4-1 win against Falkirk in their third-round tie took his tally of first-team goals to 421. His achievement cut little ice with the man whose record he had broken, though.

Jimmy Smith carved a path through Scottish defences between 1929 and 1946 and, when he heard that McCoist had beaten his record, he said, with a smile: "Tell Ally McCoist I missed more goals than he'll ever score."

Smith, 85, lives alone only a few miles from Ibrox, but only watches Rangers on the television now. Of McCoist, he said: "I've seen what he can do and I am very impressed. Ally's got great reflexes and is very dangerous. He is good in the air, even though he is not that tall, and has good pace. He's one of the best centres Rangers have ever had.

"People will say that Ally's record is more of an achievement than mine as I scored a lot in wartime, but what shouldn't be forgotten is that we played with a much heavier ball and usually on heavier grounds. Ally might have struggled to have scored as many then, but you have got to give him credit for what he has achieved. He's had a brilliant career."

Souness signs Dorigo to ease Torino's task

By Our Sports Staff

GRAEME SOUNESS completed the signing of Tony Dorigo, the former England defender, from Leeds United yesterday as part of the attempt by Torino to return to the top level of Italian football.

The deal — a one-year contract with an optional second year — had been agreed with the Serie B club earlier in the week, subject to a medical examination that Dorigo, 31, has now passed.

An attacking left back, Dorigo's career had been dogged by injury problems recently and his contract at Leeds had not been renewed.

"I've come to Italy to play in Serie A and I'm sure that, with Souness in charge, I'm going to manage it with Torino," he said. "I had other offers, but Torino are too famous a team to turn down. My father [who is Italian] has spoken to me about them a lot."

Federico Bonetto, the Torino secretary general, said: "We needed a player for that position and Souness wanted Dorigo. I think the club has made an excellent choice."

Francis Lee, the Manchester City chairman, insisted yesterday that the Maine Road club must hang on to Georgi Kinkladze, the Georgia midfield player, if promotion to the FA Carling Premiership is to be achieved. Kinkladze, 24, had been linked with moves to Liverpool and Everton, but Lee — backed up by Frank Clark, the City manager — said that the player would be staying.

"Our highest prize this season is going to be getting into the Premiership and to do that without a star player of Kinkladze's quality would make it difficult," Lee said.

Brighton were hoping that their plans to switch their home games to Millwall would move a step nearer yesterday.

Talks were being held between the Football League, police and council officials to discuss the consequences of Brighton playing at the New Den for as long as three years.

ANDRE CAMARA

With her son, Laurie, looking on, Audrey Briggs plays a short-iron approach

Bartletts recover four-hole deficit

By a Special Correspondent

A MEETING of past champions produced a scintillating match on the second day of the Burhill Family Foursomes yesterday as Mary Bartlett and her son, Jerome, reproduced the form that won them the title in 1993 to beat Gillian Warner and her son, Russell, champions two years ago.

The victorious pair, from Beaconsfield, lost the opening four holes to the Warners, of Chiltern Forest and Ellesborough respectively, but came back strongly and took the lead for the first time at the short 16th, where Jerome struck his tee shot to within 15 feet, and went on to win 2 and 1.

Ann Croft and her son, Michael, the reigning champions, eased into today's fifth round with a 2 and 1 victory over the Deehans, of Prenton, but Laurie Briggs, 14, and his mother, Audrey, a former Welsh women's champion, went out 3 and 1 to the Gowers, of Hankley Common, despite being three up after six holes.

☐ An automatic place in next year's Open Championship at Royal Birkdale will be the rich reward for the winner of the European amateur individual championship, which begins today at the spectacular Imperial Domaine course beside Lake Geneva. The champions of England, Scotland and Wales — Aran Wainwright, Craig Hislop and Jamie Donaldson — are in the 143-strong field.

Missing, however, will be members of the unsuccessful Walker Cup team, who are still in the United States preparing for the US Amateur championship, and many leading Irish players. Daniel Olsson, of Sweden, will be defending his title and there is a very strong continental entry.

BOWLS

Biggs and Warren on target once more

By David Rhys Jones

THE English Bowling Association fours final yesterday, in which Swindon Westlecot defeated Bridgwater BCL 19-15, saw five former national champions parading their skills on the Beach House Park greens.

Mel Biggs and Steve Warren, of Westlecot, who were well supported this week by Mark Dyer and Tony Stevenson, were the pairs champions two years ago and were clearly delighted to win their second national title. They will be back in Worthing next week to challenge for the pairs prize and should, on the evidence of yesterday's performance, be among the favourites. Westlecot also overwhelmed Clevedon, 28-5, in the semi-finals.

Barrie Smith, Mike Davies and Don Fowkes, of Bridgwater, have had a remarkable run since they teamed up at the start of the 1996 season: they won the triples last year, a title that they will defend tomorrow, and now, with Richard Billington at third man, they have taken second prize in the fours.

They defeated Rainworth Miners Welfare 23-13 in the semi-finals and looked as if they would extend their unbeaten run to 12 games when they scored nine of the first ten shots in the final. Once the Swindon front-end, Dyer and Stevenson, had settled to a good length, however, the writing was on the wall, because Biggs and Warren at the back-end provided the finishing touches whenever necessary.

"Steve has played well all week," Biggs, who has played for England indoors and out, said. "When we won the pairs, he was unlucky not to be given an England trial, but I'm sure he has jogged the selectors' memories."

☐ Seventy of the world's leading bowlers will line up in Llandrindod Wells today when the third women's Atlantic Rim championships begin. There are 14 countries chasing the five titles at stake in singles, pairs, triples, fours and the team event, with Scotland the only one of the home countries defending a title — the fours.

IN BRIEF

Formidable test for Henman in US Open

THE draw for the US Open did Tim Henman no favours yesterday when the Great Britain tennis No 1 was pitted against Thomas Muster, the No 5 seed, in the opening round (Julian Muscat writes). However, Greg Rusedski, the British No 2, enjoyed better fortune, despite facing a tricky match against David Wheaton, of the United States.

Henman, ranked No 20 in the world, must perform at his peak if he is to emulate his fine performance at Flushing Meadows 12 months ago, when he fell to Stefan Edberg in the quarter-finals. Muster, the left-hander from Austria, beat Michael Chang in the ATP Championships in Cincinnati 12 days ago before succumbing to Pete Sampras in the final.

Boris Becker has withdrawn from the tournament after the death of Axel Meyer-Wölden, a close friend and business associate.

☐ **Cricket**: India lost their sixth consecutive one-day international against Sri Lanka yesterday, when they slumped to a seven-wicket defeat in Colombo to lose the series. Saurav Ganguly's maiden one-day century was in vain as the Indians caved in for 238 after being sent to bat on an easy-paced wicket at the Premadasa stadium.

Sanath Jayasuriya scored 66 off 56 balls and Roshan Mahanama also hit 66 as the Sri Lankans won in the 42nd over to take a decisive 2-0 lead in the three-match series.

☐ **Rugby union**: The Welsh Rugby Union has agreed a deal with premier division clubs to allow national squad players to meet some training requirements with their clubs. Terry Cobner, the WRU director of rugby, agreed a compromise over training attendance with Eddie Jones, the chairman of the union's business management committee, last night.

☐ **Athletics**: Fiona May, the Italy long jumper, could soon be coached by Linford Christie, Great Britain's former world and Olympic sprint champion. May was born in Slough, but took Italian nationality after moving to that country in 1993.

TUESDAY'S LATE RESULTS

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Qualifying group three: Finland 0 Norway 0 (in Tampere); Hungary 2 Switzerland 2 (in Budapest). Group four: Belarus 0 Sweden 1 (in Minsk); Estonia 0 Austria 1 (in Haapsalu). Group five: Bulgaria 3 Israel 1 (in Sofia). Group seven: Turkey 3 Wales 0 (in Istanbul). Group eight: Ireland 2 Lithuania 0 (in Dublin); Romania 3 FYR Macedonia 0 (in Bucharest). Group nine: Ukraine 1 Albania 0 (in Kiev)

COCA-COLA SCOTTISH CUP: Third round: Dundee 0 Aberdeen 3; Raith Rovers 1 Heart of Midlothian 2, Rangers 4 Falkirk 1, St Johnstone 0 Celtic 1 (aet)

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Cheltenham 2 Hayes 1, Leek Town 0 Southport 1; Slough 2 Dover Athletic 4; Telford United 1 Stalybridge Celtic 0; Welling 1 Woking 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dover	2	2	0	0	7	2	6
Southport	2	2	0	0	5	1	6
Welling	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
Northwich	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Telford	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Gateshead	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Halifax	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Yeovil	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Stalybridge	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Cheltenham	2	1	0	1	2	4	3
Kettering	2	0	2	0	3	3	2
Woking	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Morecambe	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Hereford	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Kiddrmnstr	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Leek	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Stevenage	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Slough	2	0	1	1	5	7	1
Hednesford	2	0	1	1	2	5	1
Rushden & D	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Hayes	2	0	0	2	2	4	0
Farnborough	1	0	0	1	0	3	0

DR MARTENS LEAGUE: Premier division: Atherstone 1 Worcester 2 (match abandoned due to lightning); Bromsgrove 3 Bath 1; Burton 0 King's Lynn 0; Cambridge City 2 Tamworth 2; Hastings 1 Sittingbourne 1; Merthyr 0 Salisbury 0; Rothwell 1 Nuneaton 6. Midland division: Bilston 1 Shepshed Dynamo 2; Blakenall 2 Ilkeston 1; Grantham 3 Paget 0; Stafford 0 Redditch 1; Sutton Coldfield Town 3 Evesham 3. Southern division: Cinderford 1 Weston-super-Mare 4; Cirencester 3 Yate 1, Clevedon 2 Newport AFC 4; Fleet 2 Erith and Belvedere 1. Tonbridge Angels 0 Chelmsford 2; Trowbridge 3 Weymouth 1, Waterlooville 1 Bashley 2.

ICIS LEAGUE: Premier division: Basingstoke 1 Aylesbury 0, Bishop's Stortford 1 Dag and Red 1 Bromley 0 Walton and Hersham 1; Carshalton 1 Yeading 0; Enfield 0 Dulwich 0; Heybridge Swifts 3 Oxford City 0; Hitchin 0 Kingstonian 0. First division: Abingdon Town 1 Leatherhead 2; Berkhamsted 1 Billericay 5; Chertsey 4 Wokingham 1. Grays 1 Croydon 1; Hampton 3 Staines 1; Romford 3 Uxbridge 1, Thame 1 Barton 1. Wembley 0 Whyteleafe 0; Worthing 2 Aldershot Town 2. Second division: Barking 1 Braintree 3; Bedford Town 0 Marlow 1. Canvey Island 3 Tooting and Mitcham 0; Egham 2 Wivenhoe 2; Horsham 2 Cheshunt 3; Hungerford 4 Banstead 1; Met Police 2 Tilbury 0; Northwood 2 Bracknell 1; Wealdstone 2 Leighton 1. Witham 1 Chalfont St Peter 1. Third division: Aveley 1 Lewes 1; Clapton 4 Epsom and Ewell 2; Dorking 3 Corinthian Casuals 2; Flackwell Heath 0 East Thurrock 3, Hemel Hempstead 2 Harlow 2; Hertford 4 Kingsbury 2. Ware 1 Croydon 0

GILBERT LEAGUE OF WALES: Bangor City 5 Welshpool 1

PONTIN'S LEAGUE: First division: Wolverhampton 1 Port Vale 1

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Arsenal 2 Portsmouth 2; Crystal Palace 1 Watford 3, Millwall 2 West Ham 1

COURAGE COMBINED COUNTIES: Premier division: Ash 0 Ashford 2, Bedfont 1 Cove 2; Cobham 1 Chessington and Hook 2; Chipstead 2 Walton Casuals 0; Raynes Park Vale 6 Netherne 4; Reading 3 Hartley Wintney 0; Viking Sports 1 Westfield 1.

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Folkestone Invicta 4 Swanley Furness 2; Corinthian 2 Lordswood 3; Ramsgate 3 Chatham 1; Slade Green 0 Deal 1; Tunbridge Wells 3 Hythe 1; Whitstable 4 Sheppey 2.

HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Abingdon 2 Burnham 2, Bicester 0 North Leigh 3, Carterton 2 Banbury 1.

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE MIDLAND COMBINATION: Premier division: Coleshill 2 Alvechurch 2; David Lloyd A F C 2 Cheslyn Hay 1; Highgate 4 Continental Star 1. Knowle 1 Kenilworth 0; Southam 1 Wellesbourne 1

HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Abingdon 2 Burnham 2; Bicester 0 North Leigh 3; Carterton 2 Banbury 1

INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND ALLIANCE: Bloxwich 3 Pershore 1. Boldmere St Michaels 2 Rushall Olympic 0; Knypersley 2 Stapenhill 1; Oldbury 2 Halesowen Harriers 0; Rocester 1 Chasetown 0; Stratford 2 Willenhall 3, Wednesfield 1 Bridgnorth 3. Corrected scores: Kings Norton 0 Sandwell 1; Pelsall Villa 0 West Midlands Police 5

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Andover 1 Downton 0; B.A.T 1 Aerostructures 1; Bemerton Heath Harl 4 Brockenhurst 2; Christchurch 0 Totton 0; Portsmouth R N 3 Ryde Sports 1, Thatcham 1 Bournemouth 2; Wimborne 3 Gosport 3

MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Senior division: Ampthill 1 Biggleswade 3. Holmer Green 7 Risborough 2; The 61 F C 0 Caddington 1; Kent 2 Shillington 3. New Bradwell 2 Mercedes Benz 1; Tring 4 Leverstock Green 0, Stony Stratford 4 Winslow 1

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Atherton LR 1 Chadderton 0. Burscough 3 Blackpool Rovers 2, Darwen 2 Mossley 0; Haslingden 1 Glossop North End 5, Rossendale 0 Salford 0; Vauxhall G M 2 Nantwich 3; Warrington 1 Newcastle Town 1

SCREWFIX DIRECT LEAGUE: Premier division: Barnstaple 0 Taunton 3, Calne 1 Westbury 1; Elmore 0 Bridgwater 3, Mangotsfield 10 Keynsham 0; Paulton 2 Backwell 2; Bridport 1 Tiverton 2.

UHLSPORT UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Desborough 3 Stamford 0, Ford Sports A N Spencer A. Holbeach 2 Bourne 1. Long Buckby A Kempston A: M Blackstone 3 Boston 1. Potton 3 W'Borough 0; St Neots 1 Yaxley 0 S and L Corby 5 Stotfold 2; Wootton 0 Buckingham 1.

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Peacehaven and Telscombe 4 Eastbourne Town 1 Ringmer 0 Langney Sports 3; Selsey 1 Littlehampton 2; Shoreham 0 Whitehawk 0; Wick 1 Portfield 0

DUTCH LEAGUE: FC Twente Enschede 4 Fortuna Sittard 1; Ajax 5 Vitesse Arnhem 0

ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

North London, NWC4, Y300, *
Plymouth, W440, WW4H, X3W4, X6W4
Rose Bruford Col, W460, *
Scarborough, W4Y3, W420
Trinity Col, W444, W420, QW54

TOURISM/TOURISM STUDIES

Abertay, Dundee, P700
Bolton, P700
Bournemouth, 027N, 71PNW, N720, N722
Bradford & Ilkley, N100, 007P
Buckinghamshire, P700, PN77, P7R1, P7R2, P7R3, P7N5, P7N4
Caledonian, GN59
Canterbury Christ Church Col, PW71, GP17, PW75, VP87, GP47, LP37, *
Central Lancashire, 007P, 107P
Derby, P700
Greenwich, P7N1, PT79
Grimsby Col, NP5RG
Herefordshire Col, P700
Hertfordshire, 007P, P700
Lincolnshire & Humberside, P700, P701, P702, NP5R
Luton, *
North London, 77PN, PT77, FP87
Paisley, P700
Plymouth, P700
Queen Margaret Col, P700
Sheffield Hallam, PN7R
South Bank, PR72, PR74
Strathclyde, N150
Sunderland, P700, P708
Thames Valley, *
Westminster, PK74, PK7K, P7Q3
Wolverhampton, Y401, P701

TOURISM MANAGEMENT

Birmingham Col, N735, P700
Bournemouth, 027N, 71PNW, N720, N722, D2532, 352D
Bradford & Ilkley, 007P, N100
Brighton, P700, PN71
Caledonian, P700
Coventry, P700
Northumbria, P701
Robert Gordon, PN77
South Bank, P700
Wolverhampton, P700

TRADE/TRADING STUDIES

Caledonian, N984

TRAVEL/TRAVEL MANAGEMENT

Bournemouth, 027N, 71PNW, N720, N722
Brighton, P701
Huddersfield, N920
Plymouth, N920

URBAN STUDIES

Bolton Inst, *
Coventry, K440, K441, K442
Dundee, K420
Edge Hill Col, M900, LM31, K460
Glamorgan, KL48
Kingston, N800
Leeds Met, K440
Liverpool John Moores, K281, K460
Middlesex, LK84E
Newcastle, K400
Nottingham Trent, N801
Sheffield Hallam, N810, N800, K450, K460, K420, K462, K463*
Westminster, N830
Worcester Col, LMV9

VALUATION

City, N800
De Montfort, WN18
Southampton Inst, N812, BB13
West of England, K461

WAR STUDIES

Wolverhampton, Y401

WOMEN'S STUDIES

Bangor, MM39
Bradford, LM49
Central Lancashire, M903
Cheltenham & Gloucester, M9W2, M9V1, M9Y3, M9Q3, M9V8, M9W1
Chichester, MV98, MQ93, MV91, MP94
Coventry, ML93
De Montfort, Y300
East London, MJ99, MJ03
*Edge Hill Col, **
Glamorgan, M903
Halton Col, *
Lampeter, LM69, LM89, *
Lancaster, M900
Luton, *
Middlesex, Y400
North London, MM39, LM49
Northumbria, QM39
Roehampton Inst, M903*
Wolverhampton, Y401, M900

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Sixth Cornhill Test match
11.0, first day of five, 96 overs minimum
THE OVAL: England v Australia

Britannic Assurance county championship
11.0, second day of four, 104 overs minimum
CHESTER-LE-STREET: Durham v Middlesex
ABERGAVENNY: Glamorgan v Northamptonshire
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Derbyshire
WORKSOP: Nottinghamshire v Essex
TAUNTON: Somerset v Kent
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Worcestershire
SCARBOROUGH: Yorkshire v Sussex

NATWEST UNDER-19 INTERNATIONAL MATCH (first day of four): Headingley: England v Zimbabwe

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (second day of three): Derby: Derbyshire v Somerset. Bristol: Gloucestershire v Essex. Old Trafford: Lancashire v Hampshire. Lensbury CC: Middlesex v Glamorgan. Campbell Park, Milton Keynes: Northamptonshire v Yorkshire. Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Kent. Hove: Sussex v Durham. Walmley: Warwickshire v Leicestershire

FOOTBALL

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Queens Park Rangers v Luton (at Harrow Borough FC, 2.0)

FAI HARP LAGER NATIONAL LEAGUE CUP: Section A: Waterford v Kilkenny (7.45). Section F: Bray v UCD (7.45); St Patrick's Ath v Bohemians (7.45)

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Whitchurch v Romsey (7.30).

RUGBY LEAGUE

Divisional Premiership
East Yorkshire pool
Featherstone v Wakefield (7.30)

Lancashire pool
Leigh v Swinton (7.30)

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: EMBA national championships (at Worthing); Atlantic Rim world championship (at Llandrindod Wells)

GOLF: Smurfit European Open (at K Club, Co Kildare); British women's amateur strokeplay championship (at Silloth).

HOCKEY: Representative match: England under-21 v Malaysia (at Lilleshall).

SPEEDWAY: Elite League: Ipswich v Coventry (7.30). Premier League: Sheffield v Newport (7.45)

TENNIS: Satellite tournament (in Havant)

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

BIRMINGHAM: AAA championships (winners): Second day: Men (under-17): 100m: M Russell (Havering Mayesbrook) 10.83sec. 1,500m: R Pitam (Phoenix) 4min 4.0sec. 1,500m steeplechase: J Rice (Liverpool) 4:23.50. 400m hurdles: R Newton (Mansfield) 54.9sec. 5km walk: D Kidd (St Lawrence) 22min 57.2sec. High jump: K McKeown (Ayr Seaforth) 2.06m. Pole vault: R Smith (Peterborough) 4.50m. Shot: A Cushey (Blackheath) 16.97m. Discus: S Williams (Basingstoke and Mid Hants) 52.24m.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Toronto 6 Chicago White Sox 5 (first game); Chicago White Sox 5 Toronto 3 (second game); Baltimore 12 Kansas City 9 (first game), Kansas City 9 Baltimore 2 (second game); Detroit 8 Minnesota 2, Milwaukee 8 Texas 2. Anaheim 12 New York Yankees 4; Cleveland 7 Seattle 5. Postponed: Oakland v Boston.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Florida 8 Chicago Cubs 1; Cincinnati 6 Colorado 5; St Louis 12 Montreal 5, San Francisco 9 Philadelphia 5. Pittsburgh 5 San Diego 3; Los Angeles 4 New York Mets 2; Atlanta 4 Houston 3.

BOWLS

WORTHING: All-England championships: Fours: Third round: Erdington Court, Birmingham (R Brittan) bt Romford (S Prickard) 19-14. Swindon Westlecot (S Warren) bt Balsham, Cambridgeshire (P Lingham) 31-5; Garston, Herts (J Simmons) bt Peterborough Belvedere (P Jessop) 22-15. Clevedon (G Luker) bt Sandy Town, Beds (M Mahoney) 19-10; Bournemouth (C Dowding) bt Southwick, Sussex (T Stevens) 33-6; Rainworth MW, Notts (K Davies) bt Cambridge & County (K Kent) 21-19. Bridgwater BCL (D Fowkes) bt Summerhill, Newcastle (S Harvey) 16-15. Buckden, Hunts (R Coleman) bt Stoke, Coventry (E Over) 21-19 (after extra end). Quarter-finals: Swindon Westlecott bt Erdington Court 21-17. Clevedon bt Garston 26-10; Rainworth Miners Welfare, Notts bt Bournemouth 20-13. Bridgwater BCL bt Buckden 27-12. Semi-finals: Swindon Westlecot bt Clevedon, Somerset 28-5, Bridgwater BCL, Somerset bt Rainworth Miners Welfare, Notts 23-13

CRICKET

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of two): Ipswich School: Suffolk 227-3 and 321-8 (R J Catley 110, A J Squire 92); Hertfordshire 226-3 and 324-4 (M James 143, D M Ward 123 not out). Hertfordshire won by six wickets. (first day of two): Truro: Cornwall 219-6 (G M Thomas 64); Herefordshire 210-5 (M P Bears 80, D A Graham 59). Brewood: Lincolnshire 194-8 (S N Warman 62, D J P Boden 4-43). Staffordshire 176-9 (I W E Stokes 59; D A Christmas 5-58, S A Bradford 4-67).

AON RISK TROPHY (one day): Semi-final: Bristol: Nottinghamshire 244-9 (G E Welton 63); Gloucestershire 245-7. Gloucestershire won by three wickets.

GOLF

BURHILL: Family Foursomes tournament: Second round: J Clink and T Clink (Lilley Brook) bt M Hiscocks and S Hiscocks (Banstead Downs) 3 and 2; C Monk and J Monk (Tandridge) bt M Garrett and A Garrett (Burhill) 1 up; J R Thornhill and C J Weeks (Walton Heath) bt B Cox and S J Cox (Burnham Beeches) 2 and 1; M Pollitt and R Pollitt (Burhill) bt L Heflin and B Heflin (Royal Wimbledon) 2 up; C Constable and M DiMichele (Burhill) bt T Barr and J Barr (Royal Wimbledon) 7 and 6; H Beasley and J Beasley (Royal Mid-Surrey/Woking) bt G Barrett and R Barrett (Royal Wimbledon) 6 and 5, P Lyons and R Lyons (Roehampton) bt B Bell and W Bell (Isle of Purbeck) 1 up; L Sechiari and S Sechiari (Woking) bt H Gregory and A Gregory (Burhill/St George's Hill) 3 and 2, T C M Rees and M Rees (Mid-Herts) bt J Corbin and J Corbin (La Moye, Jersey) 5 and 4; D Jefferson and L H Jefferson (East Berks) bt G Chapman and R Chapman (Burhill) 20th hole; B Howard and W Howard (East Berks) bt J Henderson and S Best (Burhill) 4 and 3; A Croft and M Croft (Burhill) bt P A Sherwood and S Tucker (Moor Park/Hankley Common) 2 up; J Brassington and J Brassington (Worplesdon) bt C Warren and G Warren (Clandon Regis) 1 up. D Frame and K M Frame (Worplesdon) bt A Tenison and E Tenison (Ashridge) 2 and 1, M Bartlett and J Bartlett (Beaconsfield) bt J Roberts and D Ansell (Crowborough Beacon) 2 and 1; G Warner and R Warner (Chiltern Forest/Ellesborough) bt S Russell and A Russell (Burhill) 1 up; P Pink and S J Pink (Lee on Solent/Meon Valley) bt J Morgan and S Morgan (West Sussex) 4 and 2; J Hale and J Hale (Richmond) bt S Wilcox and K Wilcox (Burhill) 1 up. N Dolton and S Dolton (Burhill) bt D T Clayton and S Clayton (Burnham Beeches) 2 and 1. K Wann and R Wann (Pinner Hill) bt L Huxtable and N Huxtable (Addington Palace) 3 and 1; B Ducat and S Ducat (Coodon Beach/Walton Heath) bt S Hubbard and T Hubbard (Burhill) 1 up; M Deehan and C P Deehan (Prenton) bt J A Harvey and N Harvey (West Surrey) 2 up, J M Bowes and O M Bowes (Walton Heath) bt Mrs L Gerdingh and C Gerdingh (Burhill) 1 up; P Truett and E Truett (Walton Heath) bt J Tate and R Tate (Royal Ashdown Forest/Littlestone) 19th hole; B M Hall and R L Hall (Burhill/West Byfleet) bt S Phillips and R Phillips (Royal Wimbledon) 3 and 2, L Gilbert and A Gilbert (Burhill) bt T Bennett and G Millerchip (Walton Heath) 1 up; S Gower and A Gower (Hankley Common) bt C Dollard and Q Hill (West Surrey) 2 and 1; A Briggs and L Briggs (Royal Liverpool) bt B M Turner and P A Turner (Tadmarton Heath/The Wiltshire) 5 and 4; M J Toole and S Toole (Brokenhurst Manor) bt S Proctor and M Proctor (Croham Hurst) 3 and 2; P J R Webb and E Webb (Walton Heath) bt S M Mole and T P Mole (West Sussex) 6 and 5

SILLOTH ON SOLWAY: British women's amateur strokeplay championship: Leading first-round scores: 70: K Juul (Den). 72: L Tepholme (Northcliffe), E Weeks (Hockley). 73: H Monaghan (Longniddry). 74: L Mackay (Golspie). 76: P Sowden (NZ).

NORTH BERWICK: Blind international: Scotland v England (Scotland names first). Foursomes: E Moffat and S Mackie bt T Mitchell and T Rowlinson 2 and 1; A Gray and P Philip lost to R Tomlinson and B Asbury 1 hole. R Clayden and R Brydon lost to R McKnight and B Ritchie 2 and 1; S Traquair and I Moncrieff bt M Loten and P Hodgkinson 5 and 3. R Ross and D Healey bt S Louden-Reid and D Morris 3 and 2; J Gates and G Derby lost to N Baxter and R Allfree 3 and 1. Result: Scotland 3 England 3. Fourballs: Gray and Philip lost to Tomlinson and Asbury 4 and 2; Mackie and Clayden bt Loten and Hodgkinson 2 and 1; Bryden and Ross bt McKnight and Ritchie 6 and 5, Moffat and Derby lost to Mitchell and Rowlinson 1 hole; Traquair and Healey bt Louden-Reid and Morris 2 and 1; Gates and Moncrieff lost to Baxter and Allfree 3 and 2. Result: Scotland 3 England 3. Overall: Scotland 6 England 6.

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: Queensland Schools 8 England Schools 54 (at Toowoomba)

SPEEDWAY

AMATEUR LEAGUE: St Austell 45 Ryde 33.

SWIMMING

SEVILLE: European championships: Finals: Men: Butterfly: 100m: 1, L Frolander (Swe) 52.85sec; 2, D Silantev (Ukr) 53.27; 3, F Esposito (Fr) 53.28; 4, V Kulikov (Russ) 53.84; 5, T Rupprath (Ger) 53.99; 6, D Pankratov (Russ) 54.00; 7, M Kacmarek (Pol) 54.49; 8, P Horvath (Hun) 54.51. Non-qualifiers for final: Heat one: 3, P MacCarthy (Ire) 57.43; 5, C Lowth (Ire) 58.86. Heat four: S Parry (GB) 54.98; 8, J Hickman (GB) 55.03. Individual medley: 400m: 1, M Wouda (Holl) 4min 15.38sec; 2, F Hvid (Sp) 4:19.68; 3, R Seibt (Ger) 4:20.43; 4, X Marchand (Fr) 4:21.64; 5, I Bathazi (Hun) 4:21.93; 6, U Volk (Ger) 4:23.76; 7, J Sievinen (Fin) 4:24.59; 8, K Cac (Cro) 4:35.36. Non-qualifiers for final: Heat six: E Clement (GB) 4:32.96. 4 x 200m relay: 1, Great Britain (P Palmer, A Clayton, G Meadows, J Salter) 7:17.56; 2, Holland 7:17.84; 3, Germany 7:18.86; 4, Italy 7:19.27; 5, Poland 7:31.45; 6, Switzerland 7:38.77. Disqualified: Sweden. Women: Freestyle: 200m: 1, M Smith (Ire) 1min 59.93sec; 2, N Chemezova (Russ) 1:59.97; 3, C Poleac (Rom) 2:00.17; 4, M Moracova (Slovakia) 2:00.34; 5, K Kielgass (Ger) 2:00.36; 6, K Pickering (GB) 2:01.02; 7, O Lazunova (Ukr) 2:01.11; 8, J Liljegren (Swe) 2:01.46. Non-qualifiers for final: Heat one: C Gibney (Ire) 2:08.07. Heat four: V Horner (GB) 2:04.15. Breaststroke: 200m: 1, A Kovacs (Hun) 2:24.90 (European record); 2, A Peczak (Pol) 2:28.04; 3, B Becue (Bel) 2:28.60; 4, I Nikitina (Ukr) 2:29.76; 5, J King (GB) 2:30.02; 6, A Poleska (Ger) 2:30.40; 7, K Belmond (Fr) 2:30.65; 8, L Hindmarsh (GB) 2:31.88. Diving: Men: 10m board synchronised: Final: 1, J Hempel and M Kuhne (Ger) 300.84pts; 2, I Loukashin and A Vastamov (Russ) 272.40; 3, G E Lacolle and F Pierre (Fr) 252.17; 4, L Taylor and P Waterfield (GB) 248.28. Women: 3m board synchronised: Final: 1, C Bockner and Conny Schmalfuss (Ger) 287.98; 2, I Lashko and Y Pakhalina (Russ) 284.24; 3, J Cruz and D Saez (Sp) 244.20; 5, J and K Smith (GB) 226.95. Water polo: Men: Quarter-finals: Croatia 5 Greece 4; Hungary 9 Italy 8; Russia 11 Slovakia 8; Yugoslavia 10 Spain 9. Women: Quarter-finals: Greece 6 Spain 7.

TENNIS

LONG ISLAND: Men's tournament: First round: T Woodbridge (Aus) bt J Oncins (Br) 6-3, 6-4; C Moya (Sp) bt J Sánchez (Sp) 6-6, 7-5, 6-2; M Göllner (Ger) bt M Woodforde (Aus) 3-6, 6-4, 6-2; J Bjorkman (Swe) bt C Costa (Sp) 6-2, 6-0; J Alonso (Sp) bt C Ruud (Nor) 3-6, 6-4, 6-0; A Boetsch (Fr) bt Y Kafelnikov (Russ) 6-4, 7-6; N Lapentti (Ecu) bt J Siemerink (Holl) 7-6, 6-4; M Rosset (Switz) bt D Vacek (Cz) 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; G Ivanisevic (Cro) bt R Delgado (Para) 7-5, 6-4.

BOSTON, Massachusetts: Men's tournament: First round: G Rusedski (GB) bt M Tillström (Swe) 6-1, 3-6, 6-3; J Tarango (US) bt A O'Brien (US) 6-2, 6-7, 6-3; G Canas (Arg) bt P McEnroe (US) 6-2, 6-2; A Corretja (Sp) bt F Clavet (Sp) 6-3, 6-4; F Mantilla (Sp) bt J A Viloca (Sp) 6-3, 6-0; K Carlsen (Den) bt A Chang (Can) 6-3, 6-2; R Furlan (It) bt P Haarhuis (Holl) 4-6, 6-4, 6-1.

ATLANTA: Women's tournament: First round: N Tauziat (Fr) bt A Carlsson (Swe) 6-4, 6-3; Y Basuki (Indo) bt M Babel (Ger) 6-4, 7-6; D van Roost (Bel) bt A Miller (US) 6-1, 6-3; P Schnyder (Switz) bt F Labat (Arg) 6-3, 6-2; S Farina (It) bt M Maleeva (Bul) 6-3, 7-6; B Schultz-McCarthy (Holl) bt P Hy-Boulais (Can) 7-6, 7-6.

HAVANT: Men's satellite tournament: Quarter-finals: C Wilkinson (GB) bt L Bourgeois (Aus) 6-4, 6-4; J Fox (GB) bt A Painter (Aus) 4-6, 7-6, 7-5; N Gould (GB) bt C Snell (Aus) 7-5, 7-5; P Hand (GB) bt A Parmar (GB) 6-7, 7-6, 6-3.

POOLS DIVIDENDS

VERNONS: 24 pts £57,034.00, 23 £776.40, 22 £68.50. Super shots £26.50. Premier 10 £25.15.

ZETTERS: Treble Chance: 24 pts £21,957.10, 23 Pts £104.45, 22 pts £7.00, 21 pts 90p. Four draws: £13.40. Eight homes: £44.70. Four aways: £4.10. Three draws: £11.50. Fair Five: £43.45.

THUNDERER

2.25 Sylvan Dancer. 2.55 Kheyrah. 3.30 Rich In Love. 4.05 Mighty Phantom. 4.35 Grand Splendour. 5.05 Soden.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST.

2.25 BUNGAY FILLIES HANDICAP
(£3,278: 6f 3yd) (10 runners)

1 0300 RIVER TWEED 19 J Gosden 3-10-0 ... W Ryan 4
2 0254 KENTUCKY FALL 31 Lady Herries 4-9-11 ... A Clark 5
3 0506 SALLY SLADE 15 (F,G,S) C Cyzer 5-9-11 ... M Fenton 2
4 0550 GRACE 24 J Banks 3-9-5 ... R Ffrench (3) 9
5 5043 SYLVAN DANCER 13 C Wall 3-9-2 ... D Biggs 7
6 5213 AQUATIC QUEEN 16 (D,F) C Dwyer 3-9-1 ... T E Durcan (3) 10
7 6502 LAMORNA 17 (D,F) M Channon 3-8-8 ... M Rimmer 1
8 04/2 ROSE FLYER 1424 M Chapman 7-8-3 ... S Carson (7) 3
9 /0-6 PRINCESS RENATA 38 Pat Mitchell 4-8-0 ... J Tate 8
10 0302 TUTU SIXTYSIX 8 (F,G) E Incisa 6-7-10 ... Kim Tinkler 6

7-2 Kentucky Fall, 4-1 Lamorna, 5-1 River Tweed, Sylvan Dancer, 6-1 Aquatic Queen, 8-1 Tutu Sixtysix, 10-1 Grace, 12-1 others.

2.55 EBF WAXHAM MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,556; 6f 3yd) (10)

1 6 DANGEROUS PRECEDENT 14 C Egerton 9-0 ... M Fenton 3
2 05 FLIGHT 13 L Cumani 9-0 ... R Ffrench (3) 1
3 000 JULIES JEWEL 22 M Chapman 9-0 ... S Carson (7) 10
4 POLO VENTURE S Woods 9-0 ... D Biggs 9
5 40 TUMBLWEED PROSPECT 8 B Meehan 9-0 ... A Clark 8
6 300 UP THE WALL 17 John Berry 9-0 ... — 5
7 DEEP MAGIC H Cecil 8-9 ... W Ryan 6
8 0 FRECKLES 10 M Ryan 8-9 ... G Bardwell 4
9 6 KHEYRAH 10 (BF) E Dunlop 8-9 ... M Rimmer 7
10 SASSY LADY C Dwyer 8-9 ... T E Durcan (3) 2

7-4 Deep Magic, 5-2 Kheyrah, 9-2 Flight, 7-1 Tumblweed Prospect, 10-1 Dangerous Precedent, 16-1 Polo Venture, 20-1 Up The Wall, 25-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: B Hills, 10 winners from 41 runners, 24.4%; H Cecil, 22 from 93, 23.7%; M Johnston, 8 from 38, 21.1%; M Channon, 9 from 45, 20.0%; J Hills, 5 from 26, 19.2%; L Cumani, 13 from 71, 18.3%; J Gosden, 18 from 100, 18.0%.

JOCKEYS: S Carson, 3 winners from 14 rides, 21.4%; W Ryan, 22 from 135, 16.3%; M Fenton, 8 from 69, 11.6%. Only qualifiers.

Blinkered first time

SALISBURY: 2.15 Hopesay. 4.25 Classic Line, Reimei, Tommy Cooper. YARMOUTH: 4.05 Alisura. YORK: 2.05 Darcy.

3.30 WILLIAM YOUNGER EAST ANGLIA HANDICAP
(£3,837: 7f 3yd) (12)

1 5401 RICH IN LOVE 11 (CD,F) C Cyzer 3-9-13 ... W Ryan 10
2 5006 ARTERXERXES 22 (D,F) M Heaton-Ellis 4-9-13 ... A Clark 2
3 0080 DEFINED FEATURE 78 (G,F) Dr J Scargill 4-9-11 ... M Rimmer 6
4 2300 ERTLON 7 (CD,F,S) C Brittain 7-9-8 ... J [illegible] (7) 8
5 3050 BLUE FLYER 4 (B,F) R Ingram 4-9-6 ... M Fenton 1
6 0003 KILVINE 22 (F) W Haggas 4-9-5 ... J Tate 3
7 3466 WILD PALM 73 (B,C,D,G,S) W Musson 5-9-4 ... R Ffrench (3) 5
8 3152 BROCTUNE GOLD 8 (D,F,G,S) B Hills 6-9-3 ... J D Smith (3) 6
9 1211 CLYTHA HILL LAD 6 (D,F,G) J Bradley 6-8-8 (7ex) ... G Bardwell 4
10 0480 FLYING PENNANT 47 (D,F) J Bradley 4-8-7 ... D Biggs 7
11 2012 MEZZORAMIO 12 (V,CD,F) K Morgan 5-8-6 ... Jo Hunnam (7) 12
12 4823 ON THE GREEN 11 (V) A Hide 4-7-10 ... M Baird (3) 11

3-1 Clytha Hill Lad, 5-1 Rich In Love, 7-1 Ertlon, 8-1 Arterxerxes, Kilvine, Broctune Gold, 12-1 Blue Flyer, Wild Palm, Mezzoramio, 14-1 others.

4.05 25TH RUNNING OF THE BOTTOM BROTHERS HANDICAP
(Lady riders: £2,322: 1m 6f 17yd) (8)

1 6015 PARADISE NAVY 12 (B,F,S) C Egerton 8-11-7 ... Emma Ramsden 1
2 3205 MIGHTY PHANTOM 17 (F) J Hills 4-10-13 ... Eve Johnson Houghton 6
3 0046 NOSEY NATIVE 12 (C,F,S) J Pearce 4-10-11 ... Lydia Pearce 2
4 0033 CHRIS'S LAD 20 (B,CD,F,G,S) B Meehan 6-10-6 ... Jane Allison 4
5 4053 ACTION JACKSON 5 (F,G) B McMahon 5-10-1 ... Sarah Samworth 3
6 6132 DASHING INVADER 12 (B,D) P Hayes 4-9-7 ... Carol Ann Williams 8
7 3041 ACERBUS DULCIS 11 (G,F) M Chapman 6-9-0 ... Sarah Bosley 7
8 0000 ALISURA 12 (V) D Thom 4-8-0 ... Julia Feilden 5

3-1 Dashing Invader, 7-2 Mighty Phantom, 5-1 Paradise Navy, Chris's Lad, 11-2 Action Jackson, 8-1 Acerbus Dulcis, 10-1 Nosey Native, 20-1 Alisura.

4.35 WILLIAM YOUNGER EAST ANGLIA MAIDEN STAKES
(£3,614: 1m 2f 21yd) (9)

1 DOUBLE STAR (B) J L Harris 6-9-5 ... T E Durcan (3) 2
2 0434 GRAND SPLENDOUR 47 (BF) Lady Herries 4-9-1 ... A Clark 6
3 03 ANNOUNCING 15 J Gosden 3-8-12 ... A Garth 1
4 5 JOUST 29 C Brittain 3-8-12 ... M Rimmer 7
5 KAYESAM J L Harris 3-8-12 ... D Biggs 4
6 0-4 ACADEMY STAR 108 J Fanshawe 3-8-7 ... N Varley 8
7 4042 LOVE VENTURE 22 S Woods 3-8-7 ... W Ryan 9
8 0 PANORAMA 12 L Cumani 3-8-7 ... R Ffrench (3) 3
9 06 SHAKENDRA 29 J Gosden 3-8-7 ... Dale Gibson 5

5-2 Announcing, 7-2 Love Venture, [illegible] Grand Splendour, [illegible] Joust, 7-1 Academy Star, Panorama, 14-1 Double Star, 16-1 others.

5.05 CROMER LIMITED STAKES
(£2,469: 1m 2f 21yd) (6)

1 5412 KARINSKA 11 (CD,F,G,S) M Chapman 7-8-8 ... S Carson (7) 6
2 4020 COUNT TONY 20 (F) S Woods 3-8-12 ... W Ryan 4
3 0020 EXPIALIDOCIOUS 45 J Fanshawe 3-8-10 ... A Clark 3
4 6030 FIFE MAJOR 27 (BF) B Hills 3-8-10 ... [illegible] (3) 2
5 0301 SODEN 19 (D,F) T Mills 3-8-9 ... R Ffrench (3) 1
6 55-0 CAMBRIDGE BALL 71 M Johnston 3-8-7 ... J Fanning 5

15-8 Soden, 9-4 Karinska, 5-2 Fife Major, 10-1 Count Tony, 12-1 Cambridge Ball, 14-1 Expialidocious.

RACING: ODDS-ON DEFEAT OF REAMS OF VERSE IN YORKSHIRE OAKS ADDS TO DISAPPOINTING RESULTS FOR WARREN PLACE TEAM

Cecil beats hasty retreat for the long journey home

By Chris McGrath

IT HAPPENED to be Henry Cecil, *but he can rest assured that he was not alone.* "Not my week, I'm afraid," he said. "I think I'll go home now." The trainer doubtless consoled himself that he would, at least, miss the traffic. But the way to *do that at York yesterday* was to stay to the bitter end. For the only others prepared to do so must have been bookmakers — and their cars, so heavily laden, will have been easily left behind.

Cecil had just watched Reams Of Verse follow Bosra Sham, the previous day, in *failing* to land the odds — and over £200,000 *in bets* — in a group one race. Then, an hour later, his Bold Fact surrendered the lead close home when *hot* favourite for the *Scottish Equitable Gimcrack* Stakes.

In between those disappointments for Warren Place, punters had sought a way back *in the Tote-Ebor Handicap*, only to see the first and second favourites beaten in a photo-finish by a 33-1 shot, Far Ahead. Shortly afterwards, the bookmakers put up their umbrellas as a light rain filled the humid air — when pennies from heaven take the form of *banknotes, however, you don't* really need protection.

Reams Of Verse, running for the first time since winning the Oaks, was returning to the scene of her spectacular *Musidora* Stakes success at the May meeting. But she had her cutting edge blunted in the Aston Upthorpe Yorkshire Oaks by the fierce gallop shrewdly ordered by Michael Stoute for Crown Of Light and Whitewater Affair. The latter, a nugget among racehorses, stretched her lead courageously in the straight — but My *Emma, having* only her seventh race at the age of four, scythed through the field to lead just before the post.

Timekeeper, the new ratings service compiled by James Willoughby, *pinpointed* Far Ahead (33-1) and Chinaider (6-1) at York yesterday.

Reams Of Verse, *going easily* on the home turn, fell to pieces and finished fourth. "She was cantering two out and suddenly hit a wall," Cecil *said.* "She didn't stay. When she won the Oaks, they were fiddling about and she didn't have to race until late on."

Rae Guest has given My Emma a light campaign, with *the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe specifically in mind, and she is* quoted 20-1 for Longchamp by Coral and William Hill. "The only thing that beats her is if they don't go fast enough," *Guest said. "She loves taking horses on, and the faster they* go, the easier it is to pick them off."

It was likewise the biggest day *in the career of another* modest operation when Les Eyre saddled the Ebor winner. It was, in the circumstances, an understandably muted re*ception for what should have* been a local hero — Eyre is based at Hambleton Stables, 30 miles away.

"I said to the wife that I'd be back *around six,*" he said. "But I did add that, if we won the Ebor, she could expect me *some time on Tuesday. For a* Yorkshireman, this is the pinnacle, the greatest day of my life."

There was less in the way of euphoria from Barry Hills. He *had told John Grant — with* the trainer, co-owner of Carrowkeel — that they should accept an offer from Sheikh Mohammed's brother-in-law, Marwan Al-*Maktoum, for their colt.* After he wrested the lead back from Bold Fact in the Gimcrack, Hills confessed that he had believed them to have made "the sale of the century." Earlier, *moreover,* Hills had saddled Amyas to win the opener. "I backed him the last twice, when he was unlucky, to win £20,000," *he revealed.* "I didn't have a penny on him today."

That sort of day, all round, then — by the time of the sixth, *the Roses Stakes,* there was an air of desperation as the favourite was sent off at 11-8 on. He was — for those who had not grasped that the rub *of the turf was against them* — called Titanic. He was also, needless to say, unplaced.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Far Ahead, noseband, gets the better of the blinkered Media Star in the Ebor Handicap at York yesterday

THUNDERER

2.05 Dantesque
2.35 Embassy
3.10 Averti
3.45 Great Child
4.15 Designer
4.45 Kallana
5.15 **POTEEN** (nap)

Timekeeper's top rating: 3.45 **JO MELL**.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.35 Shuhrah. 3.45 **THE PRINCE** (nap). 4.15 Designer.

GOING: GOOD *DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE* TOTE JACKPOT MEETING SIS

2.05 LADBROKE KNAVESMIRE HANDICAP

C4

(£17,220: 1m 3f 195yd) (15 runners)

101	(2)	6-54402	MY LEWICIA 18 (S) (G Knight) P Harris 4-9-13	C Lowther (5)	92
102	(1)	-260301	CELESTIAL CHOIR 14 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs C Sykes) J Eyre 7-9-8	O Pears	[illegible]
103	(7)	5-22211	DANTESQUE 11 (F,G) (Mollers Racing) G Wragg 4-9-6	M Hills	92
104	(15)	3611012	TESSAJOE 14 (D,F,G) (Ailey Partnership) M Camacho 5-9-6	L Charnock	98
105	(13)	5512-00	OOPS PETTIE 8 (F) (Mrs D MacRae) Mrs J Cecil 4-9-6	J Carroll	80
106	(5)	0143	DARCY 59 (V,G) (Cheveley Park Stud) M Stoute 3-9-1	J Reid	88
107	(10)	0002355	REMAADI SUN 14 (CD,F) (T Barker) M Usher 5-9-0	R Street	97
108	(11)	0500202	HAZARD A GUESS 7 (C,D,F,G,S) (Consulco Ltd) D Nicholls 7-9-0	Alex Greaves	91
109	(8)	4-60101	MATTIMEO 20 (F,G) (Mrs M Keogh) A Jarvis 4-8-13	K Darley	73+
110	(6)	-602246	MY LEARNED FRIEND 8 (D,F,G) (Mrs J Roberts) A Hide 6-8-12	A McGlone	92
111	(14)	3362132	HONOURABLE 22 (BF,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Watts 3-8-6	L Dettori	98
112	(3)	-323121	SHAFFISHAYES 55 (D,F,G,S) (P D-Brown) Mrs M Reveley 5-8-4	Dean McKeown	98
113	(9)	40-0132	MENTALASANYTHIN 19 (BF,D,F,G,S) (H O'Donnell) D H Jones 8-7-12	A Mackay	94
114	(4)	0220021	PENSION FUND 8 (C,F,G) (S Curtis) M W Easterby 3-7-11 (4ex)	J Quinn	82
115	(12)	04-2115	STEP N GO 90 (BF,S) (Lord Petersham) Mrs J Ramsden 3-7-10	P Fessey (3)	80

Long handicap: Step N Go 7-7.

BETTING: 13-2 Dantesque, 7-1 Celestial Choir, 8-1 Tessajoe, Honourable, 9-1 Darcy, 10-1 Pension Fund, Mattimeo, 12-1 My Lewicia, Remaadi Sun, 14-1 Shaffishayes, 16-1 others.

1996: CELESTIAL CHOIR 6-8-6 O Pears (14-1) J Eyre 22 ran

FORM FOCUS My Lewicia, attempting 1½m for first time today, 1½l 2nd to Sandmoor Chambray in 10f Newcastle handicap (good to firm) last time. Celestial Choir, on 3lb higher handicap mark than when *winning this last year, beat Tessajoe (3lb better off) 2l in 1½m Pontefract handicap (good to firm)* with Remaadi Sun (7lb better off) 6l 5th. Dantesque, another tackling a new trip, beat Meteor Strike ½l in 10f Yarmouth stakes (good to firm). Oops Pettie 7th to Dust Dancer in 10f fillies' listed stakes at Salisbury (good to firm). Darcy 3½l 3rd to Bint Baladee in 10f Windsor stakes race (soft). Hazard A Guess 1¾l 2nd to Eshbaal in 10f Beverley handicap (good to soft). Mattimeo, climbing handicap *after two recent wins, beat Island Sanctuary 2½l in 10f Ascot handicap (good).* Honourable 1½l 2nd to Capilano Princess in 10f Doncaster handicap (good). Pension Fund, 5-2 from 5-1, reportedly suited by softening ground when beating Double Flight ½l in 10f Beverley handicap (good).

HONOURABLE can make the most of a return to 1½ miles.

2.35 STAKIS CASINOS LOWTHER STAKES

C4

(Group II: 2-Y-O: £45,407: 6f) (10 runners)

201	(6)	11	EMBASSY 28 (D,G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) D Loder 9-0	Pat Eddery	[illegible]
202	(1)	131	NADWAH 64 (F,S) (H al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 9-0	R Hills	102
203	(10)	12	CAPE VERDI 63 (BF,D,F) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-11	J Reid	112
204	(3)	3122	CRAZEE MENTAL 44 (D,G) (H O'Donnell) D Haydn Jones 8-11	A Mackay	105
205	(5)	21	DAZILYN LADY 33 (D,F) (M Parker/G Knight/Mrs G Sydney) P Harris 8-11	A Culhane	104
206	(9)	21	EXPECT TO SHINE 23 (D,F) (M al-Maktoum) B Hills 8-11	M Hills	107
207	(8)	12	MISS ZAFONIC 26 (BF,D,F) (M al-Maktoum) R Hannon 8-11	Dane O'Neill	118
208	(7)	1	SHUHRAH 27 (D,G) (Godolphin) S bin Suroor 8-11	L Dettori	104
209	(2)	52	STATUA 28 (Skyline Racing Ltd) P Makin 8-11	J Fortune	91
210	(4)	321	ZELANDA 12 (D,F) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-11	O Peslier	105

BETTING: 11-4 Shuhrah, 7-2 Cape Verdi, 4-1 Embassy, 7-1 Miss Zafonic, 8-1 Expect To Shine, 10-1 Zelanda, 12-1 Nadwah, Crazee Mental, 33-1 others.

1996: BIANCA NERA 8-11 K Darley (8-1) D Loder 9 ran

FORM FOCUS Embassy ridden out to beat Miss Zafonic (3lb better off) 2l in 6f *group III Ascot stakes (soft). Nadwah got up on line to beat Crazee* Mental (3lb better off) sh hd in 5f group III Ascot stakes (good to firm). Cape Verdi 1½l 2nd to useful Central Park in 7f listed Ascot stakes (good). Expect To Shine *opened her account by beating Jilted 2l in 6f Goodwood maiden (good to firm).* Shuhrah outpaced beat Ashraakat by 1½l in 6f Ascot maiden (good). Zelanda went one better when beating Chocolate 6l in 6f *Haydock maiden (good to firm).*

EMBASSY may confirm Ascot running with Miss Zafonic

3.10 NUNTHORPE STAKES

C4

(Group I: £77,684: 5f) (16 runners)

301	(2)	30-3100	ALMATY 23 (BF,D,F,G,S) (P Savill) J Gosden 4-9-9	L Dettori	101
302	(10)	-144451	AVERTI 23 (D,F,G,S) (D Deer) W Muir 6-9-9	K Fallon	106
303	(9)	4330054	BOLSHOI 23 (B,D,F,G) (Mrs D Brown) J Berry 5-9-9	Emma O'Gorman	95
304	(6)	111-510	COASTAL BLUFF 19 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs D Sharp) T Barron 5-9-9	K Darley	106
305	(11)	20-1000	CROFT POOL 23 (D,F,G) (Countrywide Classics Ltd) J Glover 6-9-9	G Carter	101
306	(13)	0-61410	CYRANO'S LAD 63 (C,F,G) (M Foulger) C Dwyer 8-9-9	J Fortune	98
307	(15)	/12048-	MIND GAMES 348 (D,F,G) (R Hughes) J Berry 5-9-9	D Holland	110
308	(8)	00-6201	STRUGGLER 18 (D,F,G) (Lord Lloyd-Webber) D Loder 5-9-9	M Roberts	103
309	(4)	1510140	YA MALAK 23 (D,F,G,S) (Cadmac Promotions Ltd) D Nicholls 5-9-9	Alex Greaves	115
310	(3)	122-201	COMPTON PLACE 42 (D,F,G) (Duke of Devonshire) J Toller 3-9-7	S Sanders	99
311	(7)	-000211	DANETIME 19 (F,S) (M Tabor & Mrs J Magnier) N Callaghan 3-9-7	Pat Eddery	110
312	(12)	61-0562	EASYCALL 27 (D,F,G,S) (Easycall Partnership) B Meehan 3-9-7	M Tebbutt	101
313	(14)	110-533	INDIAN ROCKET 23 (F,G,S) (K Alsayegh) J Dunlop 3-9-7	R Hills	94
314	(5)	1-55410	DON'T WORRY ME 23 (F,G,S) (J Gilbomod) G Henrot (Fr) 5-9-6	O Peslier	113
315	(1)	6216-00	EVENINGPERFORMANCE 23 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs D Blackburn) H Candy 6-9-6	C Rutter	104
316	(16)	1031340	HEVER GOLF ROSE 35 (C,D,F,G,S) (Hever Racing) T Naughton 6-9-6	J Reid	109

BETTING: 3-1 Compton Place, 5-1 Danetime, 11-2 Coastal Bluff, 10-1 Averti, Indian Rocket, 12-1 Almaty, Ya Malak, 14-1 others.

1996: PIVOTAL 3-9-7 G Duffield (100-30) M Prescott 8 ran

FORM FOCUS Almaty beat Compton Place (6lb worse off) 2½l in 5f Kempton listed race (good to firm). Averti beat Cathedral ½l in 5f group III race at Goodwood (good to firm) with Indian Rocket (2lb worse *off) 1l 3rd, Bolshoi 1l 4th, Don't Worry Me (8lb better off) 7th, Eveningperformance (5lb better off)* 3½l 10th, Ya Malak 11th, Croft Pool (8lb better off) 14th and Almaty last. Coastal Bluff, improved into high-class sprinter last term, beat Easycall (2lb worse off) neck in 5f stakes race at Newmarket (good) penultimate start. Ya Malak beat Struggler (4lb worse off) neck in 5f Sandown listed race (good to soft) with Eveningperformance (1lb better off) 8th and Bolshoi (4lb worse off) 11th. *Compton Place beat Royal Applause 1¾l in group I 6f July Cup at Newmarket (good to firm) with* Indian Rocket 4¾l 3rd, Coastal Bluff 5th and Easycall 6th. Danetime, high-class handicapper, beat My Best Valentine neck in 6f Goodwood handicap (good to firm) with Coastal Bluff (10lb better off) 5½l 11th.

COMPTON PLACE earns the vote on his July Cup success

3.45 BRADFORD & BINGLEY RATED HANDICAP

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(£23,563: 7f 202yd) (14 runners)

401	(12)	0-21010	HAWKSLEY HILL 23 (V,D,F,G) (P Morrison) Mrs J Ramsden 4-9-7	J Fortune	102
402	(9)	0453043	RUSSIAN MUSIC 26 (F) (Seventh Heaven Pnrs) Miss G Kelleway 4-9-3	K Fallon	110
403	(11)	5-00341	HI NOD 18 (C,F,G,S) (B Nordan) M Camacho 7-9-0	L Charnock	88
404	(7)	-303001	CAVIAR ROYALE 19 (D,F,G) (M Burke's Family Settlement) T Barron 3-8-12	J Carroll	89
405	(2)	/30-010	RED ROBBO 38 (C,D,F) (Lucayan Stud) R Akehurst 4-8-12	O Peslier	103
406	(13)	3-04002	CRUMPTON HILL 21 (D,F,G) (T Chadney) N Graham 5-8-12	M Roberts	110
407	(8)	0000111	JO MELL 41 (CD,G,S) (C Newton Jnr Ltd) T Easterby 4-8-11	J Reid	113
408	(5)	000-360	MUSICK HOUSE 61 (S) (Money Men) Miss G Kelleway 4-8-9	S Sanders	91
409	(3)	2331-03	KUMAIT 21 (G) (M al-Maktoum) D Loder 3-8-8	L Dettori	88
410	(1)	0005006	CONCER UN 20 (CD,F,G,S) (Miss L Ward) S Williams 5-8-7	K Darley	101
411	(10)	-012064	WASP RANGER 20 (D,S) (C Wright) P Cole 3-8-6	Pat Eddery	105
412	(6)	1-10004	CALYPSO GRANT 20 (D,G) (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 3-8-5	C Lowther (5)	109
413	(4)	4215	THE PRINCE 68 (BF,D,F) (I Macleod) G Wragg 3-8-5	M Hills	98
414	(14)	3-01202	GREAT CHILD 20 (D,S) (S Schidt) M Stoute 3-8-1	F Lynch	102

Long handicap: Concer Un 8-4

BETTING: 11-2 Jo Mell, 6-1 Crumpton Hill, 7-1 Hawksley Hill, 8-1 Red Robbo, Calypso Grant, Great Child, 10-1 Hi Nod, Caviar Royale, Wasp Ranger, Concer Un, 12-1 others.

1996: CONCER UN 4-8-10 K Darley (16-1) S Williams 13 ran

FORM FOCUS Hawksley Hill, suited by last pace over 1m, 3l 10th to Danish Rhapsody in 10f Goodwood handicap (good to firm); previously beat Supercal ½l in 1m Sandown handicap (good) with Concer Un (9lb better off) 10l 13th and Red Robbo (5lb better off) 17th. Russian Music 3½l 3rd to Present Arms in 10f handicap at Ascot (soft). Hi Nod beat My Melody Parkes ½l in 7f Chester stakes race (good to firm). *Caviar Royale beat Moungate 2½l in 1m Thirsk handicap (good). Crumpton Hill* 1¾l 2nd to Fly To The Stars in 1m Goodwood handicap (good to firm). Jo Mell, 20lb higher in handicap than when beginning winning run, comfortably beat Therhea 1½l over course and distance (good). Kumait neck 3rd to Beauchamp King in 1m stakes race at Doncaster (good). Concer Un 5¾l 6th to Riffif in 6f Newmarket handicap (good). The Prince 8½l 5th to Premier Bay in 10f York *handicap (good to soft). Great Child ¾l 2nd to Jorrocks 7f Goodwood handicap (good to firm)* with Wasp Ranger (5lb better off) 3½l 4th

CRUMPTON HILL may have the edge in a hot handicap

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
S bin Suroor	8	27	29.6	L Dettori	46	201	22.9
D Loder	12	46	26.1	Pat Eddery	35	211	16.6
H Cecil	27	104	26.0	P Fessey	3	19	15.8
W Hern	5	20	25.0	M Roberts	19	132	14.4
M Stoute	27	130	20.8	J Reid	23	162	14.2

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. Timekeeper's speed rating.

4.15 MOORESTYLE CONVIVIAL MAIDEN STAKES

(2-Y-O: £10,673: 6f) (9 runners)

501	(7)	6252	BEMSHA SWING 22 (M Pescod) R Hannon 9-0	J Reid	107
502	(4)		BINTANG (Al Muallim Partnership) P Cole 9-0	Pat Eddery	—
503	(2)	3	DESIGNER 19 (BF) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0	O Peslier	97
504	(1)	2	ELHABUB 19 (H al-Maktoum) B Hills 9-0	R Hills	101
505	(5)		GENIUS (H R H Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 9-0	K Darley	—
506	(8)		NAUGHTY BLUE (Godolphin) S bin Suroor 9-0	L Dettori	—
507	(6)	6	PORTO FORICOS 22 (BF) (Niarchos Family) H Cecil 9-0	K Fallon	80
506	(9)	6	THE DOWNTOWN FOX 19 (G Whitaker) P McMahon 9-0	S Sanders	90
509	(3)		TORNADO PRINCE (M Tabor & Mrs J Magnier) N Callaghan 9-0	M Roberts	—

BETTING: 2-1 Naughty Blue, 7-2 Elhabub, Designer, 7-1 Bemsha Swing, Porto Foricos, 10-1 Bintang, 12-1 others.

1996: INDISCREET 9-0 L Dettori (4-1) D Loder 8 ran

FORM FOCUS Bemsha Swing neck 2nd to Arkadian Hero in 6f Goodwood maiden (good to firm) with Porto Foricos 13l 6th. Elhabub 1l 2nd to Tamarisk in 6f Goodwood maiden (good to firm) with Designer 2½l 3rd and The Downtown Fox (both same terms) 4½l 6th. Naughty Blue, a half-brother to top-*class two-year-olds Zieten and Blue Duster, is an interesting newcomer*

ELHABUB can make his experience tell against Naughty Blue

4.45 GALTRES STAKES (Listed race £17,463: 1m 3f 195yd) (7 runners)

601	(5)	4203132	BOOK AT BEDTIME 26 (S) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 3-8-8	D Holland	122
602	(6)	011-42	ENTICE 19 (G,S) (Godolphin) S bin Suroor 3-8-8	L Dettori	113
603	(3)	5-6211	GRACEFUL LASS 41 (D,F,S) (A Budgett) D Loder 3-8-8	Pat Eddery	105
604	(4)	12	KALIANA 33 (S) (H R H Aga Khan) L Cumani 3-8-8	J Reid	86+
605	(2)	21	MASHARIK 38 (F) (H al-Maktoum) W Hern 3-8-8	R Hills	80+
606	(7)	4306-5	MRS MINIVER 109 (L Hurley) P Kelleway 3-8-8	K Fallon	91
607	(1)	1-053	THE FARAWAY TREE 8 (F) (A Oppenheimer) G Wragg 3-8-8	M Hills	94

BETTING: 2-1 Entice, 11-4 Kaliana, 11-2 Book At Bedtime, 6-1 Graceful Lass, 8-1 The Faraway Tree, 12-1 Mrs Miniver, 14-1 Masharik.

1996: EVA LUNA 4-9-4 Pat Eddery (100-30) H Cecil 10 ran

FORM FOCUS Book At Bedtime staying-on 4l 2nd to Vertical Speed in 1m 7f group II Maisons-Laffitte stakes race (soft). Entice met an in-form filly when 2½l 2nd to Ryafan in 1¼m group II Goodwood stakes (good to firm). *Graceful Lass beat Tuesday's York winner, Sausalito Bay, by 1¾l in 1½m Chepstow* handicap (good to firm). Kaliana 2l 2nd to Anno Luce in 1½m listed Newmarket stakes (good to firm). Masharik stayed on to beat Kayf Tara 2l in 1½m Windsor maiden (good to firm). Mrs Miniver 13l 5th to Siyadah in 1¼m Newmarket listed stakes (good). The Faraway Tree improved when 6¾l 3rd to Dust Dancer in 1¼m Salisbury listed stakes (good to firm)

ENTICE can go one better at the expense of Kaliana

5.15 CITY OF YORK STAKES (Listed race. £15,010: 6f 214yd) (9 runners)

1	(9)	-320114	RAMOOZ 26 (C,D,F,G,S) (H Salem) B Hanbury 4-9-6	K Fallon	106
2	(8)	0-13011	HATTAB 33 (F,G,S) (H al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 3-9-0	R Hills	101
3	(6)	3-10104	HIDDEN MEADOW 34 (C,D,G) (G Strawbridge) I Balding 3-9-0	L Dettori	103
4	(4)	4610-36	SILVERING 106 (G,S) (Platinum Racing Ltd) Mrs J Ramsden 5-9-0	J Fortune	—
5	(7)	34-2102	TREGARON 40 (D,F) (D Hefin Jones) R Akehurst 6-9-0	O Peslier	92
6	(1)	0564-24	WEET-A-MINUTE 21 (C,D,F,G) (C Wecrman) R Hollinshead 4-9-0	F Lynch	96
7	(5)	512-00	MUSICAL PURSUIT 88 (F) (B Schmidt-Bodner) M Tompkins 3-8-9	J Reid	—
8	(3)	12-135	POTEEN 85 (D,G,S) (Lord Vestey) L Cumani 3-8-9	Pat Eddery	135
9	(2)	51-2214	IMROZ 21 (D,F,G) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 3-8-4	A McGlone	93

BETTING: 7-4 Poteen, 4-1 Hattab, 6-1 Imroz, 8-1 Ramooz, Hidden Meadow, 10-1 Tregaron, 12-1 others

1996: RUZNAMA 3-8-4 W Carson (4-1) B Hills 8 ran

FORM FOCUS Ramooz 7½l 4th to Wizard King in 7f group III Newcastle stakes race (good). Hattab showed good speed to beat Soviet State 1¼l in 6f Newbury listed stakes (firm). Hidden Meadow 7½l 4th to useful Decorated Hero in 7f Newbury stakes (good to firm). Tregaron 2l 2nd to Cadeaux Tryst in 7½l Lingfield handicap (good to firm). Poteen 7½l 5th to Starborough in 1m group I Ascot stakes race (good to firm), previously 2½l 3rd to Entrepreneur in 1m group 1 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket (good to firm) with *Hidden Meadow (5lb worse off) 25l 13th and Musical Pursuit (same terms) a* distance last. Imroz 1½l 4th to Dazzle in 7f Goodwood stakes race (good to firm)

POTEEN, the 2,000 Guineas third, is favoured by race conditions

Mind Games to return in style

YORK

CHANNEL 4

2.05: My **Lewicia** makes some appeal after a seasonal best performance at Newcastle when she benefited from a *return to a mile and a quarter.* Today's extra quarter-mile should suit and the useful Carl Lowther takes 5lb off. Darcy is progressive but would prefer easier ground, *while a case can be made out for* Oops Pettie and Dantesque. However, the biggest threat may be posed by Honourable, who is well treated on his Pontefract victory.

2.35: Godolphin's two-year-olds are looking decidedly above average and Shuhrah created a favourable impres*sion when flooring the highly-regarded* Ashraakat at Ascot on her debut. She should improve. However, this race is invariably won by a filly who has been contesting group *races.* Nadwah won the Queen Mary Stakes and, despite possessing plenty of speed, should have no trouble staying six furlongs. However, *I was impressed with the* unbeaten **Embassy** at Ascot. She won she came from last to first to take the Princess Margaret Stakes in a fast time. *David Loder rates her* better than Blue Duster, the top two-year-old filly of 1995. Zelanda and Cape Verdi are others for the shortlist.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: ENTICE
(4.45 York)
Next best: Poteen
(5.15 York)

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

3.10: Compton Place show improved form to pull off a 50-1 shock in the July Cup and a repeat of that form would give *him a favourite's chance.* However, he is not certain to be suited by a return to the minimum trip on this fast track and a low draw has not *looked ideal on the straight* course this week.

With this season's sprinters a moderate bunch, it could be worth taking a risk with **Mind Games** who has spent a season at stud after being one of the better sprinters last year. Significantly, he has never been beaten on his first start each season, is *ideally drawn and can dominate* down the stands' side. Hever Golf Rose looks best of the rest.

3.45: *Jo Mell has completed a* quick treble and was most impressive when winning over course and distance last time in a fast time. However, he may be worth opposing as all his best form has been on good or softer going. The well-drawn **Red Robbo** was a big disappointment behind Hawksley Hill at Sandown *last time, but still looks fairly* treated judged on his victory in the Royal Hunt Cup.

RICHARD EVANS

SALISBURY

THUNDERER

2.15 Impulsif. 2.45 Mysticism. 3.20 Sword Arm. 3.55 Tarski 4.25 Harmony Hill. 4.55 Dust.

GOING: *GOOD TO FIRM* SIS

DRAW: 6f-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.15 AXMINSTER 100 APPRENTICES HANDICAP

(£2,190: 6f) (12 runners)

1	(4)	2-50	HOPESAY 30 (V) J Gosden 3-9-10	G Faulkner	47
2	(10)	3263	JOHN EMMS 13 M Bell 3-9-7	R Mullen (3)	61
3	(5)	6050	BLUES QUEEN 14 (D,F) M Channon 3-9-5	A Eddery (6)	73
4	(11)	0344	IMPULSIF 4 (G) D French Davis 3-9-5	G Milligan	80
5	(6)	5530	WHITE SETTLER 27 (F) R Hodges 4-9-1	Amanda Sanders (3)	80
6	(3)	5266	*ERUPT 6 (D,S) G Balding 4-9-1*	J Fowle (5)	[illegible]
7	(9)	-642	SHADES OF LOVE 34 V Soane 3-9-1	P Roberts	65
8	(2)	4406	INDIAN RELATIVE 16 (BF,D,F) R Guest 4-9-0	Lucy Brown (10)	58
9	(7)	-006	CLASS DISTINCTION 12 (F) R Hannon 3-8-9	P Dobbs (8)	70
10	(9)	0062	CELANDINE 13 (D,F) A Turnell 4-8-5	A Daly	79
11	(12)	0000	GEORDIE LAD 19 J Bennett 3-7-10	R Brisland (5)	61
12	(1)	5060	VELVET JONES 6 G Charles-Jones 4-7-10	C Cox (10)	79

9-2 John Emms, 5-1 Celandine, 6-1 Shades Of Love, 7-1 Impulsif, 8-1 White Settler, 10-1 Indian Relative, Erupt, 12-1 others

2.45 TATTERSALLS MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES

(2-Y-O: £3,152: 6f) (17)

1	(14)	20	BERMUDA BOY 20 B Meehan 8-12	G Duffield	86
2	(4)	05	MYSTAGOGUE 33 R Hannon 8-9	Paul Eddery	80
3	(10)	0	RECOGNITION 59 W Jarvis 8-8	N Day	—
4	(7)		CLOUDS OF GLORY R Charlton 8-6	T Sprake	—
5	(12)		SMILING VOTER R Hannon 8-6	W J O'Connor	—
6	(6)	02	TITAN 38 S Dow 8-6	J F Egan	89
7	(9)	3	CANDRIZE 17 J Hills 8-5	M Henry (3)	76
8	(16)	64	JUNGLE STORY 24 (BF) P Walwyn 8-5	R Cochrane	83
9	(1)	0	CD NEWSROUND 8 M Channon 8-4	P P Murphy (3)	66
10	(15)	3	CEASE FIRE 12 Mrs J Cecil 8-3	Martin Dwyer (3)	93
11	(8)	0342	ARIAN DA 8 B Palling 8-2	S Drowne	89
12	(3)		MADAME JONES B Meehan 8-2	G Hannon (7)	—
13	(17)	33	DOVER SOUL 18 (BF) P Makin 8-1	A Whelan (3)	75
14	(13)		LADY LAPHROAIG W Muir 8-1	G Hind	—
15	(11)	2250	MYSTICISM 20 C Brittain 8-1	R Mullen (5)	[illegible]
16	(5)	0	ZAMARRA 9 D Chappell 8-0	J Lowe	—
17	(2)		OMBRA DI NUBE C James 7-13	N Adams	—

3-1 Mysticism, 7-1 Bermuda Boy, Candrize, 8-1 Jungle Story, Cease Fire, Dover Soul, 10-1 Clouds of Glory, Titan, 12-1 others.

3.20 TOTE BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP

(£5,914: 1m) (10)

1	(4)	6024	STRAZO 21 (C,D,F,S) Lady Herries 4-10-0	R Cochrane	87
2	(5)	0025	HAWAIT 19 (F) B Hills 3-9-4	Martin Dwyer (3)	78
3	(1)	4200	CONSPICUOUS 23 (F,G,S) L Cottrell 7-9-4	A Daly (5)	85
4	(8)	100-	MOSCOW MIST 326 (D,F) B Palling 6-9-2	P Roberts (5)	—
5	(10)	3110	SWORD ARM 20 (V,CD,F) R Charlton 3-8-11	T Sprake	87
6	(2)	3200	*ORANGE PLACE 62 (F) B Llewellyn 6-8-11*	*J Wilkinson (7)*	80
7	(3)	3300	BROUGHTONS TURMOIL 13 (D,F) B Millman 8-8-9	G Milligan (5)	79
8	(9)	0000	CIVIL LIBERTY 84 (D,F) G Lewis 4-8-6	Paul Eddery	78
9	(6)	1015	SAFEY ANA 18 (D,F,G) B Hanbury 6-8-3	G Hind	74
10	(7)	1210	BLUE IMPERIAL 21 (CD,F) J Hills 3-8-1	M Henry (3)	83

7-2 Strazo, 5-1 Sword Arm, 11-2 Blue Imperial, 7-1 Conspicuous, 8-1 Hawait, *Broughtons Turmoil, Safey Ana, 12-1 others.*

3.55 WHITCHURCH CONDITIONS STAKES

(£4,932: 1m) (4)

1	(2)	0-00	RESOUNDER 99 (G,S) J Gosden 4-9-2	G Hind	91
2	(1)	1-2	MASHHAER 19 (F) M Stoute 3-8-10	Paul Eddery	87
3	(3)	0-30	SHOWBOAT 89 (F) B Hills 3-8-10	G Duffield	79
4	(4)	14-	TARSKI 365 (F) H Cecil 3-8-10	J Lowe	81

5-4 Mashhaer, 11-4 Tarski, 9-2 Showboat, 6-1 Resounder

4.25 SUMMER OF STELLA HANDICAP

(£3,366: 1m 6f) (16)

1	(16)	0-00	REIMEI 27 (B,F,S) K Comerford 8-9-11	W J O'Connor	—
2	(12)	-513	CLASSIC LINE 47 (B,BF,D,G) J Dunlop 3-9-5	T Sprake	68
3	(3)	22-6	COURBARIL 20 (V,BF,F,S) M Pipe 5-9-4	Martin Dwyer (3)	68
4	(15)	6-30	THE DEEJAY 103 (F) Mrs M Jones 3-9-4	G Parkin (3)	61
5	(7)	030	ALAKDAR 17 A Stewart 3-9-3	S Whitworth	60
6	(4)	6506	TASIK CHINI 24 (B,G) P Cole 3-9-2	J F Egan	65
7	(10)	0042	*HARMONY HALL 10 J Fanshawe 3-9-0*	R Cochrane	65
8	(5)	6413	SOVEREIGN CREST 6 (B,BF,F) C Horgan 4-8-12	Paul Eddery	67
9	(13)	0650	SERIOUS TRUST 2 (C,F) Mrs L Jewell 4-8-10	G Duffield	69
10	(8)	-000	CONTRACT BRIDGE 27 (B,S) P Murphy 4-8-8	S Drowne	58
11	(11)	5036	*COURAGEOUS KNIGHT 8 (F) P Hayward 8-8-4*	M Henry (3)	76
12	(2)	00-0	TOMMY COOPER 20 (B) Mrs B Waring 6-7-12	J Lowe	48
13	(1)	2056	RONCRISTA D'OR 47 G Ham 3-7-12	F Norton	52
14	(14)	0230	SPIRAL FLYER 27 M Usher 4-7-10	J Fowle (7)	48
15	(9)	0060	STRAT'S LEGACY 15 (F) D Arbuthnot 10-7-10	N Adams	68
16	(6)	3004	*GINKA 59 J Mullins 5-7-10*	S Righton (7)	38

4-1 Harmony Hall, 11-2 Courbaril, 13-2 Sovereign Crest, 8-1 Classic Line, Courageous Knight, 10-1 Tasik Chini, Serious Trust, 12-1 others

4.55 BROAD CHALKE MAIDEN STAKES

(3-Y-O: £3,623: 6f 212yd) (12)

1	(9)	04	BIN CYCLONE 10 C Brittain 9-0	W J O'Connor	71
2	(7)	00	NOBBY BEACH 42 W Muir 9-0	Paul Eddery	41
3	(6)	0243	NORTHERN ANGEL 17 Mrs J Cecil 9-0	*Martin Dwyer (3)*	79
4	(1)	04	SANDY SADDLER 11 S Dow 9-0	J F Egan	63
5	(2)	-302	SHANTARSKIE 130 C Wall 9-0	G Duffield	—
6	(5)	5	SWIFT SOVEREIGN 89 J Gosden 9-0	G Hind	65
7	(4)	5-05	CHILI BOUCHIER 57 D Marks 8-9	A Whelan (3)	42
8	(3)	5	DUST 70 Lord Huntingdon 8-9	T Sprake	68
9	(12)		HAMLEYS D Morris 8-9	N Day	—
10	(10)	0-4	HIBERNICA 13 G Balding 8-9	S Drowne	71
11	(11)	3-33	KAWA-IB 72 P Walwyn 8-9	R Cochrane	[illegible]
12	(8)	000-	TREVOR MITCHELL 244 J Bridger 8-9	A Daly (5)	—

11-4 Kawa-Ib, 3-1 Northern Angel, 5-1 Dust, 6-1 Swift Sovereign, Hibernica, 10-1 Sandy Saddler, Shantarskie, 14-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Gosden, 12 winners from 49 runners, 24.5%; H Cecil, 9 from 38, 23.7%; A Stewart, 3 from 13, 23.1%; Lord Huntingdon, 13 *from 64, 20.3%;* R Charlton, 15 from 80, 18.8%.

JOCKEYS: G Duffield, 7 winners from 31 rides, 22.6%; M Henry, 6 from 44, 13.6%. Only qualifiers.

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

York

Going: good

2.05 (1m 2f 85yd) 1, **AMYAS** (M Hills, 15-2); 2, *Sandmoor Chambray* (J Carroll, 20-1); 3, Harry Wolton (K Fallon, 7-1). 4, Game Ploy (R Cochrane, 17-2) ALSO RAN: 13-2 fav Illusion, 9 Champagne Prince, Najm Mubeen, Present Arms, 12 Danish Rhapsody, Supply And Demand, 14 Kuala Lipis (5th), Prince Of My Heart *(6th)*, 20 *Generous Gift*, Wilcuma, 25 Major Change, 33 Freequent. 16 ran. 1½l, *2l, nk, 2½l, 1¾l. B Hills at Lambourn. Tote* £8.30: £2.00, £5.50, £2.20, £2.50. DF £197.20. Trio: £348.50. CSF: £146.31. Tricast: £1,021.81

2.35 (1m 3f 195yd) 1, **MY EMMA** (*D Holland, 7-1; Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap*), 2, Whitewater Affair (J Reid, 7-1); 3, Crown Of Light (O Peslier, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 4-7 fav Reams Of Verse (4th), 15-2 Squeak (6th), 12 Papering (5th), 40 Attire, 100 Alcalali. 8 ran. ¾l, 1¾l, 2l, ¾l, 2½l. R Guest at Newmarket. Tote £7.60: £1.50, £1.70, £2.50. DF £29.00. CSF £51.91

3.10 (1m 5f 194yd) 1, *FAR AHEAD* (T Williams, 33-1), 2, Media Star (L Dettori, 5-1 fav); 3, Puce (R Ffrench, 11-2), 4, *Further Flight* (M Hills, 25-1). ALSO RAN 7 Mohawk River (5th), 9 Purist, 10 Willie Conquer, 12 Bimsey, *Raffles Rooster*, 16 Dreams End, Gordi, Top Cees (6th). 20 Docklands Limo, 25 Better Offer, *Colour Code* (ur), 33 Dereyden, Foundry Lane, Prairie Falcon, Premier Night, Tautan's *Melody. 50 Turgenev. 21 ran. NR: Totem* Dancer. Nk, hd, ½l, 2l, 2l. J Eyre at Thirsk. Tote. £64.80: £9.00, £2.00, £1.90, £4.90. *DF:* £247.40. Trio: £352.60. CSF: £166.02. Tricast: £1,000.00

3.45 (6f) 1, **CARROWKEEL** (Pat Eddery, *16-1*); 2, Bold Fact (K Fallon, 6-4 fav); 3, Headhunter (M Hills, 8-1). ALSO RAN: *11-4 Lord Kintyre (4th), 7-2 Social Charter* (6th), 6 Ariant, 40 Eastern Purple (5th). 7 ran. ¾l, 3l, 1l, ½l, 1½l. B Hills at Lambourn. Tote £19.00; £4.40, £1.80. DF £28.40. *CSF £40.25*

4.15 (6f) 1, **CHINAIDER** (K Darley, 6-1); 2, Cumbrian Cadet (K Fallon, 14-1). 3, *Deva Lady (J Fortune, 10-1)* ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Classy Cleo, 11-2 Pierpoint (4th). 7 Sandside, *8 Burnt Yates, 10 Asbestas-*wecan (5th). Mill End Quest (6th), 12 Constant Attention, 14 Top Floor, 16 Blushing Victoria, Bollinger Rose, Justin Hope, Salan Sam, 20 Leather And Scrim. 25 *Thecomebackkung*, 50 Dibola, Helenes Hill. 19 ran. NR: Stately Favour. 1¾l, 1¾l, 3½l, 1½l, hd. *M Pipe at Wellington.* Tote £8.10: £2.60, £4.70, £4.40. DF: £97.70. *CSF: £103.79. Bought in* 19,500gns.

4.45 (5f) 1, **BAY PRINCE** (J Carroll, 16-1). 2, *Yorkies Boy* (K Darley, 20-1). 3, The Limping Cat (Dean McKeown, 20-1). *ALSO RAN: 8-11 fav Titanic (6th)*, 4 Islamabad (4th), 9-2 Chieftain, 12 Moontabeh (5th). 7 ran. 1¾l, 4l, 1¾l, ¾l, nk. M Channon at Upper Lambourn. Tote £18.60: £4.20, £4.40. DF £65.70. CSF: £249.40

5.15 (5f) 1, **BAHAMIAN BEAUTY** (O Peslier, 4-1 fav); 2, Shalstayholy (J Quinn, 12-1); 3, Prince Dome (L Dettori, 5-1) ALSO RAN: 9-2 Mary Magdalene, 8 *Distinctive Dream (6th), 10 Bulrinto (4th).* Polish Warrior, 12 Dancethenightaway, Top Of The Form, Vax Star, 14 Bayford Thrust, Pizzicato (5th), 16 Treasure Touch. 13 ran. NR: Brutal Fantasy. ½l, shd, 1½l, 1¼l, hd. D Loder at Newmarket. Tote. £4.60: £2.20, £3.50, £2.50. DF £35.80. *Trio: £86.60. CSF: £54.88.* Tricast: £203.41. Tote

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Musselburgh

Going: good to firm (firm in places)

2.20 (1m) 1, **ILE DISTINCT** (E Johnson Evens fav), 2, **Get The Point** (D Griffiths, 2-1), 3, **School Of Science** (N Pollard, *100-1*) *ALSO RAN: 5 Swan Island (4th)* 14 Prominent (5th), 40 Jonny's Joker (6th), 100 *Down Hearted*. 7 ran. ½l, 8l, 3l, 3½l, 6l. Mrs A Swinbank at Richmond. Tote: £2.40: £1.80, £1.10. DF: £3.00. CSF: £2.71

2.55 (5f) 1, **DONA FILIPA** (O Pears, 15-2). 2, *Tithcar* (E Johnson, 3-1). 3, *Whisper Low* (D Griffiths, 12-1) ALSO RAN: 15-8 fav *Stock Hill Dancer (5th)*, 5 *Melbourne Princess* (4th), Ready Teddy, 14 Flo's Choice (6th). 7 ran. 1½l, 2½l, ¾l, 1½l, 2l. Miss L Siddall at Tadcaster. Tote £9.70: £2.10, £1.50. DF: £8.30. CSF: £29.12. After a stewards' inquiry, the result stood.

3.30 (5f) 1, **ORIEL GIRL** (J F Egan, 5-2); 2, Hayburner (G Parkin, 9-4 fav), 3, *Cosmic* Case (D Wright, 10-1) ALSO RAN: 5 Imperial Honey (5th), 6 Risky Whisky (4th), 7 Makahu Don, 12 Chardania (6th). 7 ran. 1½l, ½l, 7l, 2½l, 1½l. P Evans at Welshpool. Tote: £2.60: £1.20, £1.60. DF £4.30. CSF £8.38

4.00 (1m 4f) 1, **IL PRINCIPE** (J F Egan, 6-4 fav). 2, **Comtec's Legend** (G Bardwell, 11-4). 3, **Thisonestoralice** (*O Pears*, 3-1) ALSO RAN: 13-2 Get A Life (5th). 7 Blenheim Terrace (4th). 5 ran. 1½l, *4l, 1½l, 2l. John Barry at Newmarket.* Tote: £2.00: £1.10, £1.90. DF: £3.20. CSF: £5.89

4.30 (7f 30yd) 1, **DEMOLITION JO** (J F Egan, 13-8), 2, **French Connection** (T E Durcan, 11-4), 3, **Appyabo** (*A Culhane*, 6-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 12 Touch Of Colour *(5th)*, 16 Saint Albert (4th), 25 Billy Owl, *Lesley's Adventure* 33 Beau Vienna (6th). 8 ran. 5l, 3l, 3l, hd, nk. P Evans at *Welshpool. Tote: £2.20: £1.10, £1.40,* £1.10. DF £4.80. CSF: £6.93

5.00 (7f 30yd) 1, **IMPULSIVE AIR** (Dale Gibson, 5-4 fav), 2, **Don't Worry Mike** (A Culhane, 10-1). 3, **Fearless Cavalier** (D Griffiths, 7-2) ALSO RAN: 5 Panther (4th), 6 Winter Scout (6th), 12 Keston Pond (5th). *6 ran. 5l, 3l, ¾l, hd. 6l.* E Weymes at Leyburn. Tote £1.90: £1.10, £3.60. DF *£4.70. CSF £14.04*

Placepot: £8.20.

Quadpot: £2.80.

Cartmel

Going: good to firm (firm in places)

5.20 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, **High Low** (Mr C Bonner, 11-8), 2, *Bures* (14-1); 3, Hamadryad (5-4 fav). 6 ran. NR: Stone Cross. 8l, 5l. M Hammond. Tote: £2.60: £1.10, £3.10. DF £10.60. CSF £17.40

5.50 (2m 5f 110yd ch) 1, **Earlymorning** *Light (A Dobbin, 11-4)*; 2, *Johns The Boy* (5-2); 3, Bit Of A Dream (11-1). Andrelot 7-4 fav. 6 ran. 1¾l, ¾l. G Richards. Tote: £3.40: £1.70, £1.90. DF: £7.30. CSF £9.12

6.20 *(3m 2f ch)* 1, **Bayerd** (Michael Brennan, 2-5 fav). 2, Greenfinch (8-1). 3, *Pallingham Star (16-1).* 4 ran. 3l, 20l. J O'Shea. Tote: £1.30. DF: £2.30. CSF £3.70.

Kempton Park

Going: good

5.30 (1m 1f) 1, **Interdream** (R Smith, 3-1 jt-fav), 2, *First Chance* (4-1), 3, *Zorro* (3-1 jt-fav). 7 ran. 3½l, 3½l. R Hannon. Tote: £2.80: £2.00, £2.50. DF: £5.90. CSF: £13.63

6.00 (6f) 1, **Roi De Danse** (R Hills, 16-1); 2, Mantles Pride (10-1); 3, Saddlers' Roe (12-1). Da Boss 11-4 fav. 23 ran. NR: Angelina. Hd, 2l. J Hills. Tote: £15.00: *£3.10, £3.90, £3.00.* DF £164.60. Trio £166.40. CSF £149.10.

Leicester

Going: good (good to firm in places)

5.40 (7f 9yd) 1, **Denbrae** (C Lowther, *7-1*), 2, *Midnight Shift* (9-1). 3, Inclination (15-2). Davis Rock 100-30 fav. 12 ran. ¾l, ¾l. D Murray Smith. Tote: £6.70: £2.00, £4.00, £2.10. DF: £37.50. Trio: £61.80. CSF: £63.75

8.10 (5f 218yd) 1, **Russian Romeo** (M Roberts, 14-1). 2, Catherines Song (6-4 *fav*); 3, *Patricia Olive (6-1).* 9 ran. NR: Riverlution. 3l, 1½l. B McMahon. Tote: £25.80: £5.50, £1.10, £1.70. DF £14.00. Trio: £48.80. CSF: £34.11. Bought in 5,000gns.

Egan lands 22-1 treble

JOHN EGAN took the riding honours at Musselburgh yes*terday when completing a 22-1 treble on Oriel Girl, Il Princi*pe and Demolition Jo. Egan, 28, is on the 43-winner mark for the season and within reach of the target he set *himself at the beginning of the year.*

"I set myself a goal of 61 winners, and the way things are going that looks to be in sight," he said.

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McCague's ban body blow to Kent

By Ivo Tennant

TAUNTON (first day of four; Somerset won toss): Somerset have scored 336 for six wickets against Kent

INTENT as they are on winning the Britannic Assurance county championship, Kent chose to conserve Martin McCague's vigour by omitting him from their match against the Australians last weekend. They need scarcely have bothered. In his third over yesterday, the umpire, Alan Whitehead, ordered McCague out of the attack for the rest of the innings for bowling an excessive number of bouncers, followed by a beamer.

Quite apart from anything else, it was exceedingly unintelligent, given that Kent, who were ten points behind the leaders at the start of play, were reduced to four regular bowlers on another sweltering day. Rob Turner, the recipient of the bouncers and the beamer — which missed him — batted until shortly before the close, making a career-best 144. The England and Wales Cricket Board said it would not be taking any action.

Whitehead, a former Test umpire, acted in accordance with Law 42, which gives him no leeway. In his opening over, McCague, who became carried away with the life he discovered in this pitch, was warned for bowling two bouncers. His second over was relatively uneventful. His third began with a bouncer, a second bouncer, which was no-balled, and then a ball which Whitehead referred to as "a chest-high full toss".

Both bowler and umpire declared that this was accidental, but, Whitehead said: "I had no choice, even though McCague apologised. He had already received a final warning." So McCague, who will be able to bowl in Somerset's second innings, spent the rest of the day in the outfield, where he dropped Ecclestone, who also made a century. It was a straightforward chance.

Ever since Nasser Hussain advocated after the last Test match that county cricket was too chummy, there has been an spate of unpleasant incidents. McCague, with his Irish-Australian background, has never appeared a softie. He has bowled well this season, but this was a daft piece of cricket. Marsh, the Kent captain, had a lengthy mid-pitch discussion with Whitehead, to no avail. If Lord Harris had still been around, McCague would no doubt have been banished to the pavilion.

John Wright, the normally genial Kent coach, limited himself to a terse "the umpires are in control of the match". David Kemp, the club chairman, who has a firm belief in upholding standards, was at the ground, as was Derek Ufton, the chairman of the cricket committe.

The result was that some excellent cricket was overshadowed. Turner, who struck 20 fours and batted for all but the closing overs, is one of the highest English-qualified cricketers in the first-class averages and must have a chance of going on the A tour this winter. His age, 30 in November, will not help his cause. He showed no histrionics over the beamer and, on a pitch that eased in the afternoon, drove with much zest.

Somerset were without Bowler and Harden, the captain and his deputy, and almost lost Ecclestone, their third choice to lead them, as well. He retired with a knee injury when still in single figures, returning with his side in need of someone to stay with Turner. His first championship century was reached in the final over and included 16 fours and a six.

SCOREBOARD

SOMERSET: First Innings	
†R J Turner c Cowdrey b Ealham	144
P C L Holloway c Ward b Phillips	0
*S C Ecclestone not out	103
M N Lathwell c Ward b Ealham	26
M E Trescothick c Marsh b Fleming	0
M Burns c Wells b Phillips	11
G D Rose c Marsh b Fleming	35
S Herzberg not out	6
Extras (b 1, lb 2, nb 8)	11
Total (6 wkts, 104 overs)	336

A P van Troost, Mushtaq Ahmed and K J Shine to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-73, 3-76, 4-93, 5-148, 6-319

BOWLING: McCague 2.1-0-22-0; Phillips 20-5-74-2; Ealham 24.5-8-58-2; Fleming 25-2-83-2; Strang 26-8-78-0; Wells 6-2-18-0.

KENT: D P Fulton, E T Smith, T R Ward, A P Wells, G R Cowdrey, M A Ealham, M V Fleming, *†S A Marsh, P A Strang, M J McCague, B J Phillips

Bonus points: Somerset 3 Kent 2.

Umpires: R A White and A G T Whitehead

McCague departs for the outfield after Whitehead, left, the umpire, had ordered his removal from the attack

Hungry Wells makes good use of reprieve

By Pat Gibson

LEICESTER (first day of four; Leicestershire won toss): Leicestershire have scored 373 for seven wickets against Derbyshire

THERE has still been no satisfactory explanation for the Derbyshire conflict that began with the captain, Dean Jones, walking out in June and led to the chairman, Mike Horton, resigning on the eve of this match, but it was not difficult to pinpoint the precise moment when it all went wrong for them again yesterday.

In the twelfth over, Vince Wells, the Leicestershire opener, who was then on 25, gave Dominic Cork a straightforward return catch that the England all-rounder inexplicably dropped. In the 96th over, Wells was finally out, finishing within ten runs of his fourth double-century in two seasons.

Apart from Maddy, who contributed 33 to an opening stand of 144, and Whitaker, who positively bristled in a third-wicket partnership of 89 in only 17 overs, none of the other Leicestershire batsmen got very far. Wells, however, more than made up for that by scoring his 190 off 291 balls in seven minutes over six hours, hitting 33 fours and a six.

Leicestershire signed Wells as an all-rounder when he was released by Kent five years ago, but since being asked to open the batting last season, he has shown himself to be one of the sweetest timers of the ball in county cricket, with a voracious appetite for runs. He had much to do with Leicestershire winning the championship last season and he was just the man to make Derbyshire pay for some ordinary bowling once Cork had put him down.

Wells had reached 71 by lunch and he needed only 15 balls afterwards to race to his third century this summer as he ruthlessly saw off Blackwell, the young left-arm spinner before clattering the suffering Cork for successive boundaries.

Essex rely on fearless Law to impose order

By Richard Hobson

WORKSOP (first day of four; Essex won toss): Essex have scored 319 for four wickets against Nottinghamshire

THERE is a familiar pattern to fixtures here at Central Avenue. Batting is a joy for three days, then the pitch crumbles and the spin bowlers emerge from the outfield to run amok. Paul Johnson, the Nottinghamshire captain, may well cut a gloomy presence over his cornflakes this morning as he ponders the tribulations ahead.

Nottinghamshire, who have released Andy Pick after 15 seasons, asked the groundsman to leave a good covering of grass on the surface in an attempt to assist their phalanx of seamers and nullify the threat of Such. Ball beat bat only rarely, though, and, despite the loss of Hussain to England and Irani to injury, Essex will be considerably happier with the state of play.

It says much for the pace of the pitch that Noon, the wicketkeeper, was standing up to the stumps after just 20 minutes. Only Stuart Law scored runs at any great pace — 115 from 131 balls in a shade more than three hours. Such statistics imply domination, but, in this case, they tell only part of the story.

On 18, Law attempted to loft Evans over long-on and saw the ball narrowly evade the despairing Robinson. Nor was that the only occasion on which he went through with an uppish drive when less confident players might have checked the stroke. Fortune favoured the brave. The second of his two sixes against Afzaal landed on the adjacent bowling green before the young slow left-armer took revenge when Law top-edged a sweep to Noon.

Like Prichard in the morning, Law passed a thousand runs for the season. The most promising innings, however, came from Hodgson, 22, a left-hander. He had proceeded to 44 without discomfort when Astle removed him with a slower ball.

All downhill for Glamorgan's title challenge

Simon Wilde on a bizarre day's cricket in the shadow of Sugar Loaf Mountain

Anywhere else and it might have raised an eyebrow or two, but, at this particular cricket ground, it was really to be expected. The quaint Pen-y-Pound ground, in Abergavenny is not only one of the loveliest on which county matches are staged — it nestles beneath Sugar Loaf Mountain — it also has a rare talent for throwing up the bizarre. It is a reputation that it lived up to fully yesterday.

It was, truly, a Welsh comedy of errors. First Matthew Maynard, captain of a Glamorgan side that is pushing hard for the Britannic Assurance county championship, experienced a last-minute change of heart about his team to play Northamptonshire and decided to field a second spin bowler. He sent for Dean Cosker, who was 150 miles away at the time, preparing to play for the second XI, at Lensbury CC, near Heathrow.

Soon after, Glamorgan were going through their pre-match callisthenics when Hugh Morris and Darren Thomas collided, Morris ricking his ankle so badly that he was obliged to withdraw from the game. Maynard got back on the telephone to Lensbury and summoned Alun Evans. Northamptonshire won the toss and chose to bat against Glamorgan's nine men and two substitutes.

Then came the pièce de résistance. Waqar Younis had not bowled a ball before he voiced the first suspicion. Something appeared to be wrong with the pitch, he said. He got through one over and Watkin through another before Tony Clarkson and Graham Burgess, the umpires, called a halt. Something was, indeed, wrong. The pitch was skew-whiff.

An inspection duly revealed that the pitch markings — the popping crease and return creases — were out of alignment, a rare but not unheard of mistake by groundstaff. It is an error that is usually prevented by measuring the diagonals from the ends of the two popping creases. They should be equal in length, but, in this case, were five inches out, giving batsman and bowler seriously cock-eyed views of each other.

"I have been doing this job 13 years and this is the first time this has happened," Ken Mackenzie, the Abergavenny club groundsman, said. "We took all the usual measurements and they appeared to be OK. I do not know what went wrong. It was not a case of the stumps being out of alignment. We did not have to move them at all."

Play was deemed to have been held up for 28 minutes, though it did not resume until 12.20pm because of a shower, and the scheduled intervals and close of play were put back accordingly.

The crowd of 1,500 was informed of these changes once the public address was working, the ground having been briefly hit by a power cut.

Northamptonshire resumed their innings where they had left off, on seven for no wicket, but seemed to prefer crazy vision to the 20-20 variety. By lunch, they had slumped 51 for three on a ground renowned for high scoring.

They were in even greater difficulty at 182 for six in the afternoon, by which stage Glamorgan had been reinforced by Cosker and Evans, but Curran led a fightback with a career-best innings of 159 from 201 balls.

He struck two sixes and 25 fours and revived memories of Andrew Symonds's world record of 20 sixes in a match here two years ago. Local residents and members of the bowls club around which part of the boundary skirts have long since got used to donning their hard hats when county cricket makes its annual visit to the town.

Northamptonshire closed on 302 for eight and lived to fight another day, assuming they do not in the interim fall foul of the local cuisine. Twelve years ago, the Worcestershire side went down with food poisoning here.

Boon breaks captains' duck

CHESTER-LE-STREET (first day of four: Durham won toss): Durham have scored 285 for six wickets against Middlesex

DAVID BOON yesterday laid to rest the gloomy statistic that no previous Durham captain had scored a championship hundred and, in doing so, ensured that Durham avoided a customary mid-innings collapse (Alastair Storie writes).

Winning the toss on a cloudless day, he elected to bat on what appeared to be a blanched surface devoid of any real pace. Middlesex's initial spell certainly provided little to trouble Durham, but the visitors then tightened their line and Lewis was soon snared when Kallis jagged one back in the seventeenth over. Johnson, denied the new ball, was now producing the hostility Middlesex had earlier lacked. When Speight squared up and edged Kallis to Gatting at first slip, Durham were subsiding at 153 fo four.

Boon, though, with a combination of resolute defence and imperious driving, compiled 110 from 229 balls with 14 fours. From the Middlesex reaction to Hewitt's head-high drop at a custom-made fine leg, with Boon on 42, they sensed that it would be costly.

Before bad light and drizzle ended play 11 overs early, Middlesex, through Kallis, had captured both Weston — who profited from Boon's composure — and Boon. This ensures that a good early spell today will see off Durham's tail, whereupon Middlesex can begin the task of establishing a sizeable lead on a pitch that is likely to become more uneven. Without Ramprakash, this will be less than routine.

Hutchison roars back

SCARBOROUGH (first day of four; Sussex won toss): Yorkshire, with five first-innings wickets in hand, are 17 runs ahead of Sussex

PAUL HUTCHISON is a name remembered vaguely by most cricket-lovers. A surprising selection last season for the Rest against England A, after making a promising debut in Zimbabwe, he then injured his back and was virtually forgotten (Derek Hodgson writes).

The Yorkshire player issued a reminder yesterday. Bowling a lively left-arm over, he claimed his third five-wicket haul in successive matches and, this summer, has 25 wickets at an average of 11.

Sussex, on a greenish pitch that is taking turn, lost their openers for three runs. Once Keith Newell had gone, his younger brother, Mark, who made an admirable unbeaten 62, was left looking aghast as the last five wickets went down in 15 balls for seven.

Yorkshire, too, found the pitch no place to picnic, but Darren Lehman, who has been preferred to Michael Bevan as their overseas professional next year, demonstrated why he has become such a popular figure.

Mirza makes most of chance

EDGBASTON (first day of four; Warwickshire won toss): Worcestershire, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 232 runs behind Warwickshire

IN TERMS of championship honours, this could be a make-or-break match (Jack Bailey writes). Worcestershire have the more realistic chance, but Warwickshire are not quite out of it yet. Early signs belied the fact, though. Several Warwickshire batsmen sailed into the twenties or thirties, played one rash shot too many and left.

There was a great deal in the conditions for the seam bowlers throughout the day. There was, too, occasional awkward bounce, especially from the Pavilion End, but there were also too many injudicious strokes. With 40 from 69 balls, Neil Smith shared top billing with extras, but someone should have progressed way beyond that. Even though 22 overs had been lost to rain, the rush was unseemly.

None of the Worcestershire bowlers took more advantage than Sheriyar and Mirza. The latter, 19 and newly-acquired, varied his pace and line intelligently and looked a real prospect, while Sheriyar accounted for both openers as they flirted outside the off stump and set the trend for most of the rest.

When Warwickshire came to bowl, Brown also profited, accounting for both openers before the close. Weston holed out to long leg, were Moles took a remarkable catch, while Curtis shuffled in front and missed. If the humid conditions persist and the pitch remains as lively, it looks as though another four-day match will finish well inside the alloted time.

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Britannic Assurance county championship

Durham v Middlesex

CHESTER-LE-STREET (first day of four; Durham won toss): Durham have scored 285 for six wickets against Middlesex

DURHAM: First Innings	
J J B Lewis lbw b Kallis	38
S Hutton c Brown b Johnson	29
J E Morris c Gatting b Johnson	0
*D C Boon c Dutch b Kallis	110
†M P Speight c Gatting b Kallis	9
R M S Weston c Gatting b Kallis	36
M J Foster not out	22
M M Betts not out	11
Extras (b 7, lb 5, w 2, nb 16)	30
Total (6 wkts, 93.3 overs)	285

J Boiling, S J E Brown and A Walker to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-65, 2-68, 3-131, 4-153, 5-238, 6-260

BOWLING: Fraser 22-6-47-0, Hewitt 15-2-69-0, Kallis 18-6-68-4, Johnson 17-3-40-2, Dutch 12.3-2-28-0, Weekes 9-3-21-0.

MIDDLESEX: J C Pooley, J H Kallis, M W Gatting, O A Shah, P N Weekes, *†K R Brown, K P Dutch, D C Nash, R L Johnson, J P Hewitt, A R C Fraser.

Bonus points: Durham 2 Middlesex 2

Umpires: B Dudleston and M J Kitchen

Glamorgan v Northamptonshire

ABERGAVENNY (first day of four; Northamptonshire won toss): Northamptonshire have scored 302 for eight wickets against Glamorgan

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings	
D J Roberts lbw b Waqar	14
R J Warren c Shaw b Watkin	4
A Fordham c Maynard b Thomas	22
*R J Bailey c James b Croft	20
K M Curran not out	159
D J G Sales c Maynard b Waqar	22
†D Ripley c Shaw b Waqar	5
J P Taylor c Shaw b Croft	28
M Akram run out	22
M K Davies not out	0
Extras (lb 4, nb 2)	6
Total (8 wkts, 92 overs)	302

J F Brown to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-18, 3-51, 4-123, 5-176, 6-182, 7-261, 8-298

BOWLING: Waqar Younis 19-4-74-3, Watkin 19-6-38-1, Croft 24-3-82-2, Thomas 15-1-60-1, Dale 4-0-17-0, Cosker 11-2-27-0

GLAMORGAN: S P James, A W Evans, A Dale, M J Powell, *M P Maynard, R D B Croft, †A D Shaw, Waqar Younis, S D Thomas, S L Watkin, D A Cosker

Bonus points: Glamorgan 3 Northamptonshire 3

Umpires: G I Burgess and A Clarkson.

Leicestershire v Derbyshire

LEICESTER (first day of four; Leicestershire won toss): Leicestershire have scored 373 for seven wickets against Derbyshire

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings	
V J Wells b DeFreitas	190
D L Maddy c Harris b DeFreitas	33
I J Sutcliffe c and b Cork	2
*J J Whitaker c Krikken b Harris	61
B F Smith c Clarke b Harris	8
A Habib c May b DeFreitas	5
†P A Nixon not out	34
D J Millns st Krikken b DeFreitas	1
Extras (b 4, lb 13, nb 22)	39
Total (7 wkts, 102 overs)	373

G J Parsons, J Ormond and A R K Pierson to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-144, 2-175, 3-264, 4-280, 5-310, 6-367, 7-373

BOWLING: DeFreitas 31-13-87-4, Cork 15-3-77-1; Aldred 17-5-60-0, Harris 19-4-88-2; Blackwell 9-4-24-0, Clarke 11-5-20-0.

DERBYSHIRE: A S Rollins, M R May, C J Adams, K J Barnett, I Blackwell, V P Clarke, †K M Krikken, *P A J DeFreitas, D G Cork, A J Harris, P Aldred

Bonus points: Leicestershire 4 Derbyshire 3.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and G Sharp

Nottinghamshire v Essex

WORKSOP (first day of four; Essex won toss): Essex have scored 319 for four wickets against Nottinghamshire

ESSEX: First Innings	
*P J Prichard c Noon b Oram	46
D D J Robinson c Astle b Evans	40
T P Hodgson lbw b Astle	44
S G Law c Noon b Afzaal	115
A P Grayson not out	35
D R Law not out	13
Extras (b 10, lb 6, w 4, nb 6)	26
Total (4 wkts, 101 overs)	319

†R J Rollins, G R Napier, A P Cowan, M C Ilott and P M Such to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-94, 2-101, 3-194, 4-288

BOWLING: Oram 14-6-51-1; Evans 14-5-28-1; Tolley 20-5-64-0; Bowen 18-4-56-0; Astle 15-4-29-1; Afzaal 16-4-57-1; Dowman 4-0-20-0

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: M P Dowman, R T Robinson, N J Astle, A A Metcalfe, *P Johnson, U Afzaal, C M Tolley, †W M Noon, K P Evans, M N Bowen, A R Oram.

Bonus points: Nottinghamshire 1 Essex 3.

Umpires: D J Constant and J W Holder

Warwickshire v Worcestershire

EDGBASTON (first day of four; Warwickshire won toss): Worcestershire, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 232 runs behind Warwickshire

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings	
*N V Knight c Rhodes b Sheriyar	20
A J Moles c Rhodes b Sheriyar	25
D L Hemp c Illingworth b Mirza	25
M A Wagh c Moody b Mirza	32
T L Penney c Curtis b Lampitt	0
N M K Smith c Rhodes b Moody	40
D R Brown c Rhodes b Sheriyar	8
G Welch b Mirza	38
A F Giles lbw b Lampitt	20
†K J Piper not out	4
M A V Bell lbw b Mirza	0
Extras (b 4, lb 8, w 8, nb 20)	40
Total (69 overs)	252

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-49, 2-53, 3-111, 4-115, 5-133, 6-148, 7-197, 8-238, 9-248.

BOWLING: Sheriyar 15-3-48-3; Mirza 16-4-51-4, Moody 16-4-56-1, Lampitt 17-3-60-2; Illingworth 3-0-12-0; Leatherdale 2-0-13-0

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings	
T S Curtis lbw b Brown	6
W P C Weston c Moles b Brown	2
R K Illingworth not out	5
G A Hick not out	7
Total (2 wkts, 11 overs)	20

*T M Moody, V S Solanki, D A Leatherdale, †S J Rhodes, S R Lampitt, A Sheriyar and M M Mirza to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-9.

BOWLING: Welch 6-3-11-0; Brown 5-0-9-2.

Bonus points: Warwickshire 2 Worcestershire 4.

Umpires: J C Balderstone and B J Meyer

Yorkshire v Sussex

SCARBOROUGH (first day of four; Sussex won toss): Yorkshire, with five first-innings wickets in hand, are 17 runs ahead of Sussex

SUSSEX: First Innings	
M T E Peirce lbw b Hutchison	2
R K Rao lbw b Silverwood	0
N R Taylor b White	57
M Newell not out	62
K Newell c Hamilton b Hutchison	13
*†P Moores lbw b Silverwood	7
P W Jarvis lbw b Silverwood	1
J J Bates lbw b Hutchison	0
A A Khan lbw b Hutchison	0
A D Edwards b Silverwood	1
M A Robinson b Hutchison	0
Extras (b 1, lb 11, nb 2)	14
Total (51.2 overs)	157

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-3, 3-102, 4-125, 5-138, 6-150, 7-151, 8-151, 9-156

BOWLING: Silverwood 15-3-27-4; Hutchison 13.2-5-48-5; Hamilton 5-0-12-0; Stemp 12-3-38-0; White 6-0-20-1.

YORKSHIRE: First Innings	
A McGrath lbw b Robinson	33
M P Vaughan c Peirce b Jarvis	9
*D Byas c M Newell b Jarvis	17
D S Lehmann not out	63
C White c Moores b K Newell	34
B Parker lbw b Robinson	0
C E W Silverwood not out	8
Extras (lb 2, nb 8)	10
Total (5 wkts, 51 overs)	174

†R J Blakey, G M Hamilton, R D Stemp and P M Hutchison to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-45, 3-72, 4-154, 5-158.

BOWLING: Jarvis 12-3-48-2; Edwards 4-0-11-0; Khan 8-3-26-0; Bates 14-3-40-0; Robinson 9-1-41-2; K Newell 4-2-6-1

Bonus points: Yorkshire 4 Sussex 2.

Umpires: J D Bond and D R Shepherd.

Second one-day international

Sri Lanka v India

COLOMBO (Sri Lanka won toss): Sri Lanka beat India by seven wickets

INDIA	
*S R Tendulkar lbw b Vaas	6
S C Ganguly c Dharmasena b Muralitharan	113
R R Singh c and b Dharmasena	42
M Azharuddin st S K L de Silva b Muralitharan	1
R S Dravid c S K L de Silva b Jayasuriya	18
A D Jadeja c Mahanama b Chandana	28
†N R Mongia c P A de Silva b Dharmasena	16
A Kumble b Chandana	2
R K Chauhan st S K L de Silva b Chandana	0
A P Kuruvilla not out	2
B K V Prasad lbw b Jayasuriya	0
Extras (b 2, lb 3, w 5)	10
Total (49.3 overs)	238

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-105, 3-108, 4-159, 5-212, 6-218, 7-229, 8-235, 9-237.

BOWLING: Vaas 6-1-38-1; S C de Silva 7-0-41-0; Dharmasena 10-0-48-2; Muralitharan 10-1-39-2; Jayasuriya 8.3-0-35-2; Chandana 8-0-32-3.

SRI LANKA	
S T Jayasuriya c Tendulkar b Kumble	86
M S Atapattu lbw b Kuruvilla	38
R S Mahanama run out	66
P A de Silva not out	52
U U Chandana not out	4
Extras (b 6, lb 2, w 1, nb 4)	13
Total (3 wkts, 41.5 overs)	241

*A Ranatunga, †S K L de Silva, H D P K Dharmasena, M Muralitharan, W P U J C Vaas and S C de Silva did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-79, 2-130, 3-219.

BOWLING: Chauhan 9-0-45-0; Kuruvilla 7-1-35-1; Prasad 9-0-58-0; Kumble 6-0-44-1; Singh 6.5-0-34-0; Jadeja 4-0-17-0.

Umpires: B C Cooray and D N Pathirana.

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of three): Hove: Durham 243 (M A Roseberry 51); Sussex 86-0. Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire 389 (G F Archer 128, R W J Howitt 74, L N Walker 62); Kent 5-0. Milton Keynes: Northamptonshire 331-9 dec (A J Swann 162 not out; I B Fisher 5-89); Yorkshire 18-0. Old Trafford: Lancashire 271 (J J Haynes 66; R R Dibden 4-7) v Hampshire.

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CRICKET

Taylor can look back with pride

Michael Henderson pays his tribute to a popular, diplomatic and successful leader

A SERIES that began with one captain under pressure to do the decent thing ends with the other pulling knives out of his back. Michael Atherton is trying to balance the privilege of leading England against the vilification that goes with the job, while Mark Taylor is preparing to take his leave of England for the last time.

Give him a cheerful wave as he departs, for Taylor is a pukka chap who has enjoyed some of the best days of his career against England. He made his first Test hundred at Headingley on the 1989 tour and the century he made at Edgbaston in the first Test of the current series may turn out to be his last at this level.

Five times he has played a full series against England and five times he has been a convincing winner, the last three times as captain. Only one Australian batsman, Bradman, has made more runs in a rubber against England than the 839 Taylor made eight years ago. It is a formidable record.

Of his six hundreds against England, he has made five in this country. The Oval is the only English ground where he has not made a Test century, so he has one final chance to complete an impressive set. Then he will return home, not knowing exactly what the future holds.

"I don't really know what will happen," he said after yesterday's net session. "I'm in a good position at the moment. Things have turned round for me. I have made a few runs and the team has been winning". Just so. It is precisely because the Australian team is so strong, and settled, that the selectors can contemplate demoting Taylor and promoting Steve Waugh.

It seems a good time, therefore, to praise Taylor for the contribution he has made to Australian cricket and to the game in general. He inherited a good side from Allan Border and has helped it to develop into a very good one. Waugh, if it is to be Waugh, will preside over a team that really is among the finest Australian teams, and one that can become stronger.

As the leader and slip snaffler supreme, Taylor has played a full part in recent successes, but it would be stretching a point to say his batting commands a place. A man who makes 15 Test hundreds and has an average of 42 cannot be a negligible player. Better to say he has done his bit, splendidly, uncomplainingly, and must now allow younger men to do theirs.

At all times, even when people were calling for his head on a silver plate, Taylor has been diplomacy itself. He realises, as Atherton often appears not to, that captaincy means being a master of disguise. You may think the reporter is a buffoon and regard the camera as an encumbrance, but by talking sensibly to one or smiling into the other, you can address the cricket-lovers beyond, who want their team to be properly represented.

At the start of this tour, Taylor was not even getting a bark in the doghouse. There was that awful day at Bristol when *The Mirror* dispatched some clown to present him with a three-foot wide bat, to protect his wicket. There must have been times when his patience was stretched almost beyond endurance, but he never did anything to cheapen the office of captain, and that is surely his best testimonial. To be a batting Test captain these days is nothing less than trial by jury and Taylor can stand down from the dock with no blemish on his record, except the usual failures that flesh is heir to.

Australia have drawn only five of the 32 Tests they have played under Taylor: three were rain-affected and the other two were his first couple, on the slow pitches of Pakistan. Under him, Australia have aspired to be the best and have proved it by playing attractive cricket without behaving improperly. The measure of their success defines the significance of his.

MIKE HEWITT / ALLSPORT

Taylor's cheerful and encouraging style has brought the best out of his side

England seize back initiative

By Sarah Potter

LORD'S (South Africa won toss): England beat South Africa by seven wickets

KIM PRICE followed the South Africa women's first victory over England on Sunday by winning the toss at Lord's yesterday; however, by electing to bat, she may have surrendered the advantage.

The decision sent a confident signal, but the performance did not. The touring side failed to bat out their 50 overs and were dismissed for 134. Conrad Hunte, their coach, had spoken of the need to control nerves on the big occasion. For his charges, so new to international cricket, they do not come much bigger than this and Lord's, the home of cricket, looked perfect. It was little wonder, then, that South Africa seemed overawed.

Denise Reid, the left-handed pinch-hitter, fell for only three and Terblanche was bowled by Taylor attempting an ugly leg-side slog, betraying early panic. Only Linda Olivier seemed happy in the middle — her 57 came off 83 balls — but her dismissal, run out after an arrowing throw from Leng, was symptomatic of the South Africa innings. There were three run-outs in all and it could have been more. Had a third umpire been on duty — the Women's Cricket Association vetoed the idea — he would have been much in demand.

If the previous game was a personal nightmare for Karen Smithies, the England captain, she could be forgiven for thinking that this was a dream. She bowled ten overs for the loss of 15 runs, claiming the wickets of Davies, Price and, with a stunning return catch, Burger.

England, although unchanged, were unrecognisable from the team that could not catch on Sunday and, crucially, the bowlers kept a full length. Yet it was not all plain sailing. The crowd was disappointed when Charlotte Edwards missed out. Her only scoring stroke was a cracking four through point, but she was bowled in the second over after an overconfident drive across the line of a ball by Eksteen that swung late.

Barbara Daniels steadied any jangling nerves by scoring a brisk yet composed 53 and Plimmer chipped in with 16, before the reliable Metcalfe saw England home with an undefeated 49, with 9.3 overs to spare.

SCOREBOARD

SOUTH AFRICA

L Olivier run out	57
D Reid lbw b Radlem	3
†D Terblanche b Taylor	0
H Davies st Cassar b Smithies	18
K Laing run out	3
*K Price c Cassar b Smithies	0
A Burger c and b Smithies	1
R Stoop c and b Leng	21
A Kotze run out	11
C Eksteen c Taylor b Reynard	6
A Bezuidenhout not out	1
Extras (b 6, lb 1, w 5, nb 1)	13
Total (46.3 overs)	134

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-19, 2-22, 3-76, 4-86, 5-90, 6-92, 7-92, 8-117, 9-133

BOWLING: Taylor 6-1-33-1; Radlem 5-1-15-1; Smithies 10-3-15-3; Connor 10-1-22-0; Leng 8-1-21-1; Reynard 7.3-1-21-1.

ENGLAND

C M Edwards b Eksteen	4
H C Plimmer b Eksteen	16
B A Daniels run out	53
J S Metcalfe not out	49
†J Cassar not out	3
Extras (b 2, lb 4, w 4)	10
Total (3 wkts, 40.3 overs)	135

*K Smithies, K M Leng, M A Reynard, C J Connor, S Radlem and C E Taylor did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-43, 3-102.

BOWLING: Kotze 9-1-37-0; Eksteen 10-3-24-2; Price 8.3-2-24-0; Davies 10-0-31-0; Reid 3-1-13-0.

Umpires: V Gibbens and A Roberts.

GOLF

Ballesteros keeps the guessing game going

From John Hopkins, golf correspondent, in Dublin

SEVERIANO Ballesteros has as many moods as a diva. There is the broody Ballesteros, when he appears to carry the cares of the world on his shoulders; the elated Ballesteros, as he was when Europe won the Ryder Cup two years ago. The Spaniard can be aloof and querulous, curt and talkative. When he wants to be, he can be colloquial, not in his native language but in English. Rarely is he impolite.

Here at the K Club, where the Smurfit European Open begins this morning, Ballesteros, the Europe captain in the Ryder Cup next month, confounded everybody once again. It is less than two weeks before he has to announce the two men that he will select to complete his team against the United States.

Having missed the cut in the past five tournaments he has entered here and, with his mind filled with details concerning the Ryder Cup, it would not have been a surprise if Ballesteros had been as edgy as he was in Dubai in February, in New Orleans in March, at the Masters in April, at the Volvo PGA in May or at the Irish Open at the beginning of July.

Yet the one certainty about Ballesteros is that he is as hard to read as a book in ancient Greek. The thickets of his mind are dark and impenetrable. Tom Kite, the captain of the United States team, went through agonies last Sunday night before choosing Lee Janzen and Fred Couples for his team. That being so, it was astonishing to discover that Ballesteros appeared not to have a care in the world. He was positively beaming.

Will Nick Faldo, José Maria Olazábal or Jesper Parnevik play in the Ryder Cup? The dilemma dominated discussions at the US PGA Championship last week. No problem, Ballesteros said. Nick Faldo's poor form? I am not worried, Ballesteros said. He gave the impression that he has every eventuality covered.

"I expect some changes in the points list in the next two weeks," Ballesteros said, "but I have already made up my mind. It is not a dilemma, it is very easy." So far, so good. At least Ballesteros will be decisive and there is much to be said for a captain who knows his own mind.

Then he said something that suggests he has the power to see into the future. "If the situation changes," he said, "I have already made up my mind, so I know already what is going to happen. I am the only one. It is a secret and I like to keep the secret until 31 August. I have a very clear picture of the situation and that is it. It was before the US PGA that I decided."

One can surmise that what Ballesteros means is that if he has to select two players from Olazábal, Faldo and Parnevik, it will be Parnevik who will be left out. This would be an eleventh successive Ryder Cup for Faldo. If Olazábal gets into the team by qualification, then Ballesteros will select Faldo and Parnevik.

Miguel Angel Jiménez will be Ballesteros's vice-captain. This is something else that Ballesteros has settled upon. Yet that could change if Jiménez, 21st in the Ryder Cup points table at the moment with two tournaments still to count, qualifies for the team.

The United States team is formidable. If the selection of that team is what has brought Ballesteros such peace of mind at a time when everyone expected him to be racking his brains, then hurray for that.

Karrie Webb, of Australia, who won the Weetabix Women's British Open for the second time in three years last week with a record score, is a strong favourite to follow that success with victory in the Compaq Open, which begins at Osterakers, Stockholm, today.

RUGBY UNION

Northampton set sights on Gibbs

By David Hands, rugby correspondent

NORTHAMPTON, having kept Gregor Townsend on their books, are seeking another British Isles player for their back division. They have offered Swansea £300,000 for the services of Scott Gibbs, though the Wales centre has shown no enthusiasm for moving out of the Principality.

The offer will be considered by the Swansea board today. "We were very upset at the way Northampton went about things originally," Baden Evans, the Welsh club's director of rugby, said after an unofficial approach had been made to Gibbs, "but they have apologised and made an official approach. The team management does not want him to go and at no time has Scott said he wants to go."

Northampton, who have signed Andrew Blyth, the England A centre, from Newcastle, have four 1997 Lions in their back division and one of 1993 vintage, Ian Hunter. Now that they are assured of the services as director of rugby of Ian McGeechan, his coaching may act as a lure for players such as Gibbs, who have already come under his influence on tour with the Lions.

David Humphreys, the London Irish and Ireland fly half, will miss the exiles' opening Allied Dunbar Premiership first division game against Richmond on Saturday after exacerbating an ankle injury. Sean Burns will play instead, alongside Mark McCall, the Dungannon centre, who makes his debut.

Rob Wainwright, the Scotland captain, has confirmed his move from Watsonians to Dundee HSFP, of the second division. He will join another Lions forward, Tom Smith, and Stewart Campbell at Dundee.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

This is a good piece of reasoning by ex-international Graham Kirby, playing in the Nottinghamshire Teams Final.

Dealer West **North-South game** **IMPs**

North:
♠AK93
♥1098
♦AQ8
♣K94

West:
♠104
♥AKJ54
♦KJ74
♣32

East:
♠Q852
♥3
♦9652
♣J1087

South:
♠J76
♥Q762
♦103
♣AQ65

S	W	N	E
—	1 H	Double	1 S
1 NT	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 NT	All Pass		

Contract: Three No-Trumps by South. Lead: ten of spades

Showing little sign of pain, declarer played low from dummy on the spade lead. East won the queen and switched to the three of hearts. Declarer correctly falsecarded with the six (leaving open the possibility that he had started with Q76 alone) and Kirby won with the jack. What should he play now?

Kirby could see declarer was likely to have at least ace-jack of clubs along with the jack of spades and the queen of hearts for his advance to Three No-Trumps. So the question was, should he try to cash hearts or should he attack diamonds? He judged well to do the latter, and in addition found the correct play of the jack. Declarer finessed the queen and East encouraged with the six. Now when the clubs didn't divide declarer had to try to set up a trick in hearts, but Kirby continued with the king of diamonds to establish the setting tricks there.

The clue to the winning defence was that declarer had played low on the first spade. Kirby saw that if declarer had had only Qxx of hearts, he might well have gone up with the ace of spades and attempted some other line of play. The fact that he played low on the spade was an indication that he was not in danger of losing more than three immediate heart tricks.

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KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
chess correspondent

Mind Sports Olympiad

In the chess section of the Mind Sports Olympiad, Michael Adams, the co-British champion, leads after six rounds with 5½ points. On five points are Julian Hodgson, Matthew Sadler and Aaron Summerscale. In the following game, Luke McShane, 13, defeats James Plaskett, the former British champion.

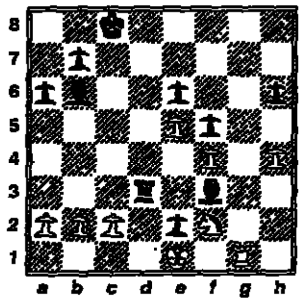
White: James Plaskett
Black: Luke McShane
Mind Sports Olympiad

Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5
2	Nf3	d6
3	d4	cxd4
4	Nxd4	Nf6
5	Nc3	a6
6	Bg5	e6
7	Qd2	h6
8	Bxf6	Qxf6
9	f4	g5
10	g3	gxf4
11	gxf4	Qh4+
12	Ke2	Nc6
13	Nf3	Qh5
14	Kf2	d5
15	Be2	Bc5+
16	Ke1	d4
17	Nd1	Bd7
18	Nf2	0-0-0
19	h4	f5
20	Ne5	Qe8
21	Ned3	Bb6
22	e5	Ne7
23	Bf3	Bc6
24	Qe2	Nd5
25	Rg1	Rg8
26	Rxg8	Qxg8
27	Bxd5	Bxd5
28	Kd2	Qg3
29	Rf1	Qe3+
30	Ke1	Bg2
31	Rg1	Bf3
32	Qxe3	dxe3
33	Nh1	e2
34	Nhf2	Rxd3

White resigns

Diagram of final position



Oriental Chess

In the Chinese Chess section, leading scores after four rounds are as follows:

1-2: F Z Chen (China) and W W Cheung (Fr) 3½. 3-4: H S Ty (China) and P L B Young (Eng) 3.

Meanwhile, after six rounds of the Japanese Chess (Shogi) section, top scores are:

1-2: A Hosking (Eng) and E Cheymol (Fr) 6. 3-5: A van Oosten (Holl), M Sandeman (Eng) and S Lamb (Eng) 4.

Overall medals table

	G	S	B	Tot
England	2	3	3	8
Barbados	1	0	0	1
United States	1	0	0	1
Ireland	0	1	0	1
Scotland	0	0	1	1

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

FANK
a. A job
b. A coward
c. A noose

GUERISON
a. Cure
b. A gift
c. A garrison

FORGAR
a. A foreguard
b. A seagull
c. To lose

GALIPOT
a. A small saucepan
b. Resin
c. A bumboat

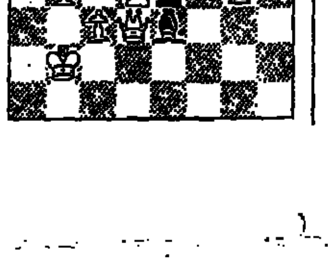
Answers on page 42

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Spassky — Petrosian, USSR 1967.

In this complex position the white king could become vulnerable but the black king is also very constricted. How did White swiftly capitalise?



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Golden girl's tarnished image

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Michelle Smith's image is in deep water. She is, on the evidence of her glittering collection of Olympic medals, simply the greatest athlete in Irish history and the world's finest all-round swimmer. But the world, it seems, has a hard time making up its mind whether she is a winner or a sinner.

When she took gold for the 400 metres individual medley on the first day of the European championships in Seville this week, there was an unbelievably muted reaction — a token slap of applause as most headed silently for the exits. Smith, for her part, ducked out of the post-race press conference, a gesture that has landed her with a warning from the swimming authorities.

The poor girl, it seems, just cannot win. On the facts, she ought to be hailed as the biggest sports hero her country has produced. On the whispers, she is the golden girl that few want to know.

The facts are on the record. At the Olympic Games in Atlanta last summer, she became the first Irishwoman to win a gold medal for any sport. She then took two more golds and a bronze. She did all this at the astonishing age of 26 — astonishing because, by that age, most female swimmers are at least five years past their sell-by date.

Gold medals are rarer than four-leaf clovers in Irish Olympic history. Over a few days in Georgia, Smith single-handedly added more than 50 per cent to her country's haul of Olympic gold — in 70 years of taking part. Ireland had previously secured only five first places.

If ever a sportswoman seemed marketable, it had to be Smith. Dublin-born, with a winning smile and red hair that would come tumbling out of her swimming cap, she seemed set for a life of fame and fortune, yet she has been virtually shunned by big commercial sponsors.

It all started to turn sour at the Olympic poolside. Her triumphs were challenged by some of the American swimmers, who suggested that her victories would have been impossible without the aid of performance-enhancing drugs. Smith denied such allegations repeatedly, pointing out that she has never been found positive in dozens of tests, both in and out of competition.

The main reason for the rumours was that Smith apparently swam out of nowhere, improving her times dramatically in the three years leading up to the Olympics. Her improvement in the 400 metres freestyle was especially remarkable and coaches noted that they had seen nothing like it before in a woman who had already reached physical maturity.

Smith also swam into trouble by association. Her coach, who became her boyfriend and then her husband three months before the Games, is Erik de Bruin, a Dutch shot putter and discus thrower. De Bruin was placed under a four-year suspension when a urine sample taken during a 1993 athletics meeting showed a high level of testosterone.

> 'Fortune beckoned, but she has been shunned'

In an interview that De Bruin gave to the Dutch newspaper *De Volkskrant* in 1993, he said: "Who says doping is unethical? Who decides what is ethical? Sport is by definition dishonest. Some people are naturally gifted, others have to work very hard. Some people are not going to make it without extra help."

In Holland, steroids, testosterone and human growth hormone, all of which can help an athlete to train harder and build muscle more efficiently, can be bought cheaply and easily.

Smith, who has now taken to using the surname of De Bruin, does credit her husband for her improved performances, but she is adamant that they have nothing to do with drugs.

In 1993, De Bruin radically changed the way that Smith trained. He says that he applied methods used by track and field athletes, particularly increasing her weightlifting work. De Bruin also scheduled more periods of rest into her heavy training schedule and experimented with a low-fat diet. So she trains hard and has never failed a drugs test, but the questions refuse to go away.

MARC ASPLAND

Smith celebrates a second European championship gold medal in Seville yesterday

The problem for Smith, for swimming and for other sports, is one of credibility. All too often these days, whenever gold is won or a record is broken, spectators wonder if they can trust their eyes or their stopwatches. Sadly, Ben Johnson destroyed much more than his own career when he broke the world 100 metres record powered by drugs. After that, it has been hard to believe any performance that seems too good to be true.

The only way forward is to make the procedures for policing drug-taking so convincing that there can be no doubts about innocence.

Here, too, Smith has had unfortunate run-ins with the authorities. The rules of the international swimming federation, Fina, say that it must know the whereabouts of the top 50 swimmers in each event so that they can be given random tests.

Masking agents are now so good that you can easily disguise drug use if you know a test is coming. Surprise is vital. Yet when a team called at Smith's declared address on October 13 last year, they were told she was away in America. Fina subsequently revealed that Smith had also been "unattainable" during the "first three-quarters of 1995".

There may have been perfectly good reasons for her unavailability, but the authorities must come up with policing that leaves no room for doubts. Blood tests would help and they vote on this in January.

Only when their drug procedures are so efficient, so convincing, that anyone who passes them will be known to be blameless will Smith's achievements be hailed as those of a true golden girl. Until then, however fast she swims, however many gold medals she takes away, she and her sport can never win.

JOHN BRYANT

Britain strikes relay gold in record time

FROM CRAIG LORD
IN SEVILLE

AS performances go, those by the Great Britain men's 4 x 200 metres freestyle relay team and Michelle Smith at the European swimming championships here yesterday could scarcely have made a greater impact.

Smith, swimming under her married name of De Bruin, caused jaws to drop with victory in the 200 metres freestyle in 1min 59.93sec, her first international outing over the distance, while the British relay team gave the nation its only title in the event since it was first swum in 1926.

The quartet of James Salter, Paul Palmer, Andrew Clayton and Gavin Meadows won in a British record time of 7min 17.56sec, finishing 0.28sec ahead of Holland and 1.3sec ahead of Germany. It marked a further climb up the world rankings for a team that finished third at the world short-course championships in April.

None of the women in the 200 metres freestyle could get the measure of Smith, who received a warning letter yesterday for failing to attend a press conference, for which the penalty can be disqualification. Three years ago, Smith would not have made the Ireland team in freestyle at a time when the country could not find a woman good enough to make an international B final, let alone an A final. However, since Erik de Bruin, her husband, took up her coaching in 1993, Smith has progressed beyond all recognition.

De Bruin, the former discus thrower, whose four-year suspension for a positive drugs test expired this month and who apologised last weekend to the European Swimming League for forging his accreditation at the 1995 championships, said that he thought Smith could make further progress at 200 metres, but that the scorching conditions had held her back. It was a sobering assessment from a coach whose swimmer would not have been among the top 200 in the world over 200 metres freestyle four years ago.

Smith had made the final by just 0.03sec, recording 2min 2.15sec — the same as Karen Pickering, of Britain — and had to race in lane one. It made little difference. After finishing sixth in 2min 1.02sec, Pickering said of Smith: "What can you do? You have to get in and race her. There's speculation about plenty of people. We just don't know if we're racing on a level playing field."

The British quartet acclaims victory in Seville yesterday

Nonetheless, a new generation is on the march. In the 400 metres medley on the first day here, Smith won by a close margin from a 15-year-old and yesterday the Russian and Romanian who followed her home were aged 16 and 14. Another 16-year-old, Agnes Kovacs, set a European record of 2min 24.90sec, the third-fastest ever and just 0.14sec outside the world record, in the 200 metres breaststroke.

Kovacs, like the great Kristina Egerszegi before her, is coached by Lazslo Kiss in Budapest. Yesterday, employing the breaststroke technique named after her country — a high head and hand recovery helping to plunge the swimmer into a long glide, as if every stroke were almost a dive — Kovacs was unassailable.

Racing in the adjoining lane was Jamie King, who, in the morning heats, became the first British woman to dip below 2min 30sec with a national record of 2min 29.91sec. She was unable to match that later, but finished a worthy fifth, with Linda Hindmarsh, Britain's second finalist, eighth in 2min 31.68sec.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 41

FANK

(c) A coil of rope; a noose. From *fang* a rope leading from the peak of the gaff of a fore-and-aft sail to the rail on each side (used for steadying the gaff).

GUERISON

(a) Cure, healing. From the Old French *guarisun, guarir* to cure. French *guérir*. "You will be able to converse upon a subject which it will be necessary for your guérison not to keep to yourself."

FORGAR

(c) To lose. To destroy or corrupt. From the Old English *yearwian* to make ready. "This fellowship han forgard her grace."

GALIPOT

(b) The turpentine or resin which exudes from, and hardens upon, the stem of certain pines. From the French, of unknown origin, but perhaps from the Old French *garipot*, a species of pine-tree.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1. b5! Bxd4 (1 . . . axb5; 2. Nxb5+ Ka6; 3. Nc7+ mates); 2. Qxd4+! Rxd4; 3. b6 *checkmate*.

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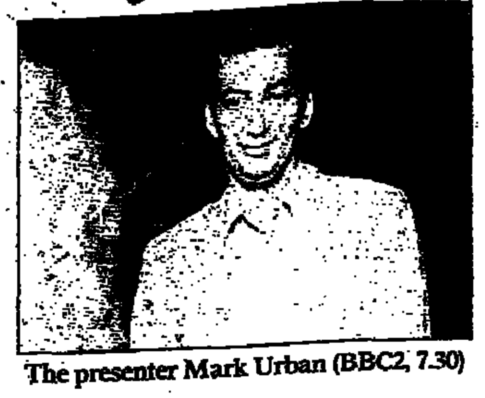
TELEVISION CHOICE

Monster history lesson

Leviathan
BBC2, 7.30pm

Television's latest acquisition from radio is the programme which goes back into the past to illuminate the present. Mark Urban, who presents *Leviathan* on Radio 4, performs the same function here. With the August Bank Holiday coming up he looks at the tradition of the seaside excursion and he uses the 50th anniversary of Indian independence to recall the acrimony between India and Pakistan over Kashmir. In the other item Michael Portillo reports on a split in the Tory party which led to 20 years in the wilderness until a colourful leader emerged to create unity and take the party back into government. William Hague will no doubt be relieved that all this happened back in the 19th century. The repeal of the Corn Laws was the source of division and Benjamin Disraeli the party's saviour.



The presenter Mark Urban (BBC2, 7.30)

Films of Fire: The Serpent
Channel 4, 9.00pm

The serpent, in the first of a series of personal films by individuals with axes to grind, is Rupert Murdoch. The proprietor of this newspaper is accused of having a pernicious influence over the media with particular reference to *The Sun* newspaper and Sky Television. The charges are hardly original and Mark Karlin could have settled for making them in a ten-minute talk on radio. But he prefers a bolder and more elaborate framework. At its heart is an *alter ego* called Deakin (Nicholas Farrell), a Murdoch-hater who while on the train home from work dreams of meeting his pet aversion, with Lenin, on some satanic staircase. To make his point in an even more allusory way, Karlin invokes Milton and *Paradise Lost*. He also uses a Voice of Reason (supplied by the actress Fiona Shaw) to needle Deakin about his mission of revenge.

Flightpaths to the Gods
BBC2, 9.25pm

Dr Tony Spawforth, an enthusiastic young archaeologist, travels to Peru in an attempt to explain huge geometric shapes in the Nazca Desert. Although thought to have been started around 400 BC, the Nazca "lines" were not rediscovered until 1926 when the first commercial flights were made over the area. In the 1950s came the discovery of large animal drawings, far too big to be recognised from the ground. In the 1960s the findings received an extra twist with the claim that they were evidence of extraterrestrial visitations. Spawforth and his clutch of experts have plenty to investigate. You would not expect a mere television documentary to come up with all the answers but the team gets impressively to the crux of the matter and turns up much fascinating material along the way.

For the Love Of . . .
Channel 4, 12.25am

Under the usual languid chairmanship of Jon Ronson, six enthusiasts for marine tropical fish gather to discuss their hobby. How many people will bother to stay up to watch them is a good point, though that is a comment about the scheduling of the programme rather than its content. Perhaps surprisingly, marine tropical fish prove to be a rich subject, with enough areas of contention to keep the talk flowing. The sharp eye will immediately notice that all six contributors are men. It occurs to Ronson and he wonders why. There follows a raft of explanations, which carefully avoid being downright sexist, of why keeping fish in the living room appeals less to women. Then it is on to the fish themselves. The big question is whether they have personalities. **Peter Waymark**

RADIO CHOICE

One Flat Summer
Radio 4, 10.00am (FM only)

Of all the available vices, gambling is the one I have found easiest to avoid, but those who do get caught up in this strange demi-monde are an endless source of material for fiction writers. This new six-part serial, described as a comedy-thriller, is a good example of the genre. It was written by Dave Sheasby and it is set in the summer of 1966, though there are plenty of contemporary echoes. Nor is it really a drama about gambling; the heart of the story is a midlife crisis. Gambling on horses plays its part but so do marital strains and the process of ageing. The lead roles are played by Gerard McDermott as Ken Warburton, a man in his fifties just made redundant, and Gillian Bevan as Margaret, his wife.

Going Back: Beneath a Kenyan Sky
Radio 4, 7.20pm

Documentaries involving a return to the roots are one of the favoured themes in radio, for the reason that, chosen carefully, they can work extremely well. This one is no exception; indeed it is one of the most compelling stories I have heard in a long time. It evokes personal happiness and tragedy in equal measure. Elizabeth Selwyn returns to the Kenyan farm where she grew up, the one shadow over a perfect childhood being that her parents beat the black workers on their farm. The father was tried for murder but died while in custody. That is traumatic enough, but on this return to Kitale, Elizabeth discovers that it was not her father who was responsible for the murder, but her mother. **Peter Barnard**

RADIO 1

7.00am Mark Radcliffe **9.00** Simon Mayo **11.30** Radio 1 Roadshow Live from Newquay **12.20pm** Newsbeat **12.45pm** Jo Whiley **2.00** Nicky Cambell **4.00** Kevin Greening **6.15** Newsbeat **6.30** Evening Session with Steve Lamacq **8.30** Movie Update **8.40** John Peel **10.30** Mary Ann Hobbs **1.00am** Clive Warren **4.00** Chris Moyles

RADIO 2

6.00am Alex Lester **7.30** Sarah Kennedy **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** David Allan's Country Club **8.00** Paul Jones **9.00** Deniece Williams **9.30** The Jasper Carrott trial **10.00** Wowfabgroovy **10.30** Richard Allinson **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Patrick Lunt

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** Breakfast Programme **9.00** The Magazine **12.00** Midday with Mair **2.00pm** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** Julian Worricker Nationwide **7.00** News Extra **7.30** Sporting Partnerships: Michael Doohan and Jerry Burgess **8.00** David Gower's Cricket Weekly **9.00** Inside Edge **10.00** 5 Live at the Fringe **10.30** News Talk **11.00** News Extra **12.00** After Hours **2.00am** Up All Night with Rhod Sharp

TALK RADIO

5.00am Chris Ashley and Sandy Warr **7.00** Paul Ross **9.00** Scott Chisholm **12.00** Lorraine Kelly **2.00pm** Tommy Boyd **4.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Anna Raeburn **10.00** James Whale **1.00am** Mike Dickin

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. News on the hour. **6.00am** Newsday **6.30** Europe Today **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Meridian Books **8.15** Off the Shelf **8.30** Composer of the Month **9.10** Pause for Thought **9.15** Crossing the Border **9.30** The Jools Holland Collection **10.05** Business **10.15** Champions **10.30** BBC English **10.45** Sport **11.30** Discover **12.30pm** The Learning World **12.45** F.O.O.C **1.05** Business **1.15** Britain Today **1.30** Record News **1.45** Sport **2.00** Newshour **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Multitrack **4.05** Sport **4.15** Crossing the Border **4.30** News in German **5.00** Europe Today **5.30** Business **5.45** Britain Today **6.15** World Today **6.30** Record News **6.45** Sport **7.30** Assignment **8.01** Outlook **8.25** Pause for Thought **8.30** John Peel **9.00** Newshour **10.05** Business **10.15** Britain **10.30** Meridian Books **11.30** World Today **11.45** Sport **12.05am** Outlook **12.30** The Vintage Chart Show **1.30** Crossing the Border **1.45** Britain Today **2.30** The Works **3.30** Focus on Faith **4.05** Business **4.15** Sport **4.30** Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

3.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Nick Bailey **9.00** Hall of Fame **1.00pm** Listeners' Requests **2.00** Concerto. Vivaldi (Cello Concerto in E minor) **3.00** Jamie Crick **7.00** Newsnight **7.30** Sonata. Grieg (Violin Sonata No 1 in F major, Op 8) **8.00** Concert. Mozart (Motet, Exsultate Jubilate; March in D, K408-2; Piano Concerto No 21 in C; Oboe Quartet in F, K370) **10.00** *Michael Mappin* **2.00am** *Concerto (r)*

VIRGIN RADIO

7.00am Russ 'n' Jono **10.00** Graham Dene **1.00pm** Jeremy Clark **4.00** Nick Abbot **6.00** Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Richard Porter

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Penny Gore. Includes Grieg (Lyric Pieces, Op 54); Paganini (Violin Sonata No 17 in A); Mendelssohn (Trumpet Overture); Fauré (Pavane); Janacek (Pohadka); Haydn (Mass in B flat, Missa Brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo)
9.00 Morning Collection, with Catriona Young. Includes Sibelius (Serenade No 2 in G minor); *Haydn* (String Quartet in E flat, Op 33 No 2); Dowland (Sorrow Say; Humour Say What Mak'st Thou Here); Mozart (A Musical Joke, K522)
10.00 Proms Composer of the Week: Britten
11.00 Edinburgh International Festival. A recital by the Norwegian pianist Leif Ove Andsnes. Haydn (Piano Sonata in E flat, H XVI 49); Liszt (Valse Oubliée No 4; Mephisto Waltz No 4; Ballade No 2 in B minor) **11.50** Northern Lights. Colin Bell remembers the 1977 production of *Carmen* **12.10pm** Concert, part two. Haydn (Piano Sonata in C sharp minor, H XVI 36); Beethoven (Fantasia in G minor, Op 77; Piano Sonata in E flat, Op 81a, Les Adieux)
1.00 News; Shakespeare's Opera. Includes versions of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* by Purcell, Lampe, Britten and Mendelssohn, *Measure for Measure* by Wagner, *The Taming of the Shrew* by Goetz and Cole Porter and *Much Ado About Nothing* by Stanford and Berlioz
2.00 BBC Proms 97. Another chance to hear Saturday's concert featuring Ian Bostridge, tenor, Timothy Brown, horn, Norwegian Chamber Orchestra, under Iona Brown. Schubert (Symphony No 5 in B flat); Britten (Serenade for Tenor, Horn and Strings); Wagner (Siegfried Idyll); Mendelssohn (Symphony No 4 in A, Italian) (r)
3.55 *Vanbrugh Quartet.* Bartok (*String Quartet No 3*); Beethoven (String Quartet in B flat, Op 130) (r)
5.00 Music Machine. Tommy Pearson talks to Wajahat Khan about the alap in Indian music (r)
5.15 In Tune, with Humphrey Carpenter. Includes Maxwell Davies (A Fantasia and Two Pavans); Johann Strauss, son, arr Schoenberg (Emperor Waltz); Elgar (String Quartet in E minor, Op 83)
7.30 BBC Proms 97. Thomas Allen, baritone, London Philharmonic, under Charles Mackerras. Schubert (Symphony No 3 in D; An Schwager Kronos, orch Brahms; Geheimes; Gruppe aus dem Tartarus; Memnon; Erlkonig, orch Berlioz) **8.15** Brahms Now. The composer's reputation today is examined by Peter Paul Nash **8.35** Concert, part two. Brahms (Symphony No 4 in E minor)
9.45 Still Life with Kazin. Russell Davies discusses one of Alfred Kazin's latest works, *God and the American Writer* (4/5) (r)
10.10 A Restoration Organ. Paul Nicholson plays Froberger on the organ at Guimiliau
10.45 The Lyric Poet — Paul Celan. As a tribute to the broadcaster and Germanist Philip Brady, another chance to hear this programme about the life of the Romanian-born, German-speaking Jewish poet Paul Celan (r)
11.30 Proms composer of the Week: Bartok (r)
12.30am *Jazz Notes,* with Campbell Burnap. Includes the pianists Bill Evans, Keith Jarrett, Chick Corea and Herbie Hancock
1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod. Includes **1.00** Choral Evensong (r) **2.00** Hungarian Radio Chorus and SO, under Tamas Vasary. With Ilona Tokody, soprano, Bernadette Wiedemann, mezzo, Andras Molnar, tenor, Istvan Berczely, baritone. Beethoven (Symphonies: No 8 in F; No 9 in D minor, Choral) **3.45** *Macaou CO,* under Yuan Fang. With Huang Bin **5.00** Sequence

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping (LW) 6.00 News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today. Includes Sports News and Thought for the Day **8.45** *Every Secret Thing,* by Gillian Slovo (4/5) **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 The Moral Maze, with Michael Buerk
10.00 News; One Flat Summer (FM). See Choice
10.00 Daily Service (LW)
10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Woman's Hour (FM only after 10.50). Introduced by Jenni Murray
10.50-1.00pm Test Match Special (LW). Coverage, from the Oval, of the first day's play in the sixth and final test of the Ashes series
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent (FM). News from BBC correspondents around the world.
12.00 News; You and Yours (FM). Consumer news and current affairs with Mark Whittaker
12.25pm Looking Forward to the Past (FM), with guests John Morgan, Peter Purves, Anna Wing and *Times* columnist Libby Purves **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40-7.00pm Test Match Special (LW). Continued coverage from the Oval
1.40 The Archers (FM) (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Thursday Afternoon Play: Scorching Winds (FM), by Deepak Verma. Amid the British withdrawal from Indian, two people fall in love. With Akbar Kurtha and Indira Varma
3.00 *The Afternoon Shift (FM),* with Daire Brehan. Ray Brown looks at the future stars of the chess world
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope (FM). Paul Allen finds the best performers, artists and critics at the Edinburgh Festival and puts them together in front of a live audience at the Pleasance Theatre
4.45 Short Story: An Actor's Tale — Reading (FM). Written and read by Steven Berkoff
5.00 PM (FM), with Charlie Lee-Potter and Chris Lowe *5.50 Shipping Forecast* **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News (FM)
6.30 Life, Death and Sex with Mike and Sue (FM). The last of the series with Robert Duncan and Jan Ravens as Radio 4's antidote to Anne and Nick
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Going Back. See Choice
8.00 Reading Aloud. The novelist Paul Bailey remembers a formidable but generous mother and the effect that the work of Charles Dickens had on his father (r)
8.20 Still Waiting after All These Years. Simon Dring introduces a *World Tonight Special* which discusses the effect of long-term unemployment on communities on Merseyside
9.00 Does He Take Sugar? Frederick Dove presents the programme made for, and by, people with disabilities.
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Alan Little
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Midnight's Children, by Salman Rushdie. Read by Roshan Seth (9/15)
11.00 The Leaves of the Dead, by Nick Fisher. With Imelda Staunton as a detective investigating a series of murders. With Geoffrey Matthews and Ross Livingstone.
11.30 Sensational Women. Sarah Dunant presents a profile of Margaret Oliphant (r)
12.00 News includes **12.28am** approx Weather
12.30am Late Book: Biggest Elvis, by P.F. Kluge. Read by Ron Berglas (9/10) (r)
12.48 Shipping Forecast
1.00 As World Service

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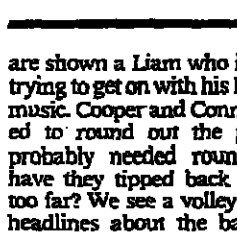
REVIEW



Joe Joseph

At last, the waiting's over. Just a few more paragraphs to go before you finally savour the much awaited review of **Oasis: Right Here Right Now** (BBC1). It is published here this morning to coincide with today's release of Oasis's third album, *Be Here Now*, which has been so spectacularly orchestrated (the songs, not the release! Shame on you!).

Can't bear to wait? Okay, here's a little appetite-whetting taster: "painted far too blackly".

Wooo! Yes, those are just a few of the catchy, hummable words, heavy with knowing 1960s references, that will be in the review, which — I repeat — went on sale for the very first time today. The tabloids failed to beg or steal their way into a sneak preview. We even said no to the Virgin Megastore and to HMV — let alone *Radio Times* — which all pleaded to be allowed to feature snippets of the review on their in-store radio stations or in their pages, but we didn't want to dilute the impact. "We haven't typed it up properly yet," we explained, although many people misheard that as: "We haven't hyped it up properly yet."

So here goes . . . OK, it's coming right now. Ready? Here it comes . . .

Wooo! I mean what more can you say about a bunch of guys who have stuck two fingers up to the stifling world of bourgeois conformity, an attitude underlined in the very opening scene of the film when they climb into that age-old symbol of youthful rebellion: their private jet. Oasis has every reason to be pleased with what Mike Connolly, the director, and Mark Cooper, the executive producer, showed us last night. Well, showed you last night. Reviewers were not allowed videotapes, but were summoned instead to a special screening at a West End cinema last week, so that we could better appreciate the quality of the film and sound (Why?). The millions who watched it at home won't have had this advantage.

The documentary is lovingly made. Connolly's direction frames Liam and Noel Gallagher in poses that have the mood of studio portraits about them. If it all verges on the flattering, this is because Connolly was striving for a handsome film, not because he was in Oasis's pocket. The BBC was given editorial freedom — though Cooper and Connolly won't mind if Oasis are pleased enough with the result to turn to the same team of film-makers when the band's fourth album is heading for the shops.

The general message? That the bad boys of rock 'n' roll have been painted far too blackly by Britain's tabloids. Instead of the boorish Liam who is so inarticulate that he communicates in hand signals, we are shown a Liam who is an artist trying to get on with his life and his music. Cooper and Connolly wanted to round out the picture. It probably needed rounding. But have they tipped back the scales too far? We see a volley of tabloid headlines about the band's ugly behaviour, unaccompanied by any judgmental commentary. But when such shots are interleaved with sedate, unprovocative interviews with Liam and Noel, the impression you are left with is that those boorish tabloids have got the stories all wrong. Have they?

Nor is the behind-the-scenes picture so full that we get to see either of the famous Mrs Gallaghers. OK, the documentary-makers wanted to concentrate on the music. But they filmed only three songs. Not many — though enough to prove that Liam has a great voice for rock 'n' roll. We saw just how great when he deserted Oasis when they appeared on MTV: Noel's solo performance at the microphone exposed how samey many of Noel's songs sound without Liam's vocal punch. And for such a rounded picture, this film lacks glimpses of the plonker we know Liam can be: being an outrageous plonker is what makes him a mesmerising star.

Noel comes across as talented and ambitious, though his conversation lacks the fluent, tart one-liners of his hero, John Lennon. He also has a lion-tamer's touch when it comes to whip-cracking his kid brother into his place.

Like sunlight through a cracked venetian blind, bits of the Liam we know sneak through occasionally: "I'm 24 years of age and I'm in the most important rock 'n' roll band in the world . . . how could I not have fun? I've got a load of money . . . What am I going to do, sit at home and clip my toenails? You've got to go out and get it."

Which is about all that Liam and Gill Neville are likely to have in common. The search for fun can take queer turns. Neville, the heart-warming subject of **The Day That Changed My Life** (BBC2), was a model at 18. At 32 she was running her own agency. She had ticked off most of life's checklist of glamorous goals. Then, in 1989, she fell in love with an Australian vet. A few months later she was married and living on his 240-acre beef farm in Dubbo, New South Wales, 250 miles from Sydney.

Her family and friends couldn't believe that Gill could be happier shoving her fist up a cow than schmoozing in the big city. But, as Liam would say, she's mad for it: "I've only been back home once since we got married. There were grey skies, I caught a cold and got shingles. It was a great relief to get back to Australia."

There was another object lesson on **TW Time Machine** (BBC1). Having trawled *Tomorrow's World*'s archives, Maggie Philbin asked us: "What do a squash-ball warmer, a centrally heated ski pole and a fishing rod that glows in the dark have in common? Well, we backed them all as winners." How tricky it is to predict what will last and what won't, however good it sounds at the time. Somebody warn Liam.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (13179)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (60266)

9.00 Breakfast News Extra (T) (5020044)

9.20 Ready, Steady, Cook (r) (T) (5001334)

9.50 Esther Are children becoming more aggressive? (r) (T) (6997421)

10.20 Put It to the Test (5964792)

10.45 News; Regional News (T) and weather (7446995)

10.50 Cricket: Sixth Test — England v Australia Continues on BBC2 (86456841)

12.35pm Neighbours (T) (1856711)

1.00 News (T) and weather (63353)

1.30 Regional News (T) (88729228)

1.40 Cricket: Sixth Test — England v Australia Ball-by-ball coverage of the second session. Continues on BBC2 (98856518)

4.00 Popeye (2825315) **4.10** Dinobabies (r) (T) (3230727) **4.35** Cartoon Critters (T) (5890696) **5.00** Newsround (T) (2434957) **5.10** Byker Grove (r) (T) (3378570)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (200063)

6.00 News (T) and weather (604)

6.30 Regional News Magazine (T) (624)

7.00 Watchdog: Value for Money Vanessa Feltz searches for fashionable maternity wear and demonstrates how to create a Victorian bathroom (T) (3686)

7.30 EastEnders Events turn sour when Tiffany hears Phil and Kathy are to accompany them on their break to Paris (T) (808)

8.00 X Cars Cameras follow Manchester's Tactical Vehicle Crime Unit as they attempt to cut down on the city's 95,000 annual automobile offences (r) (T) (2334)

8.30 Pilgrims Rest Bob fancies himself as a writer after Tilly sends some of his old school essays to a publisher, but a further one must be written in order to have them printed as a collection (T) (1841)

9.00 News; Regional News (T) and weather (1781)

9.30 999 International Heroic stories introduced by Michael Buerk and Juliet Morris, including a diver kept alive by his workmates after being sucked into a sinking ship, a group of travel agents whose plane crash-landed, and a man trapped under the ice of a frozen lake (T) (173605)

10.25 Making Babies: Tanya and Ray's Story The stars of the first series return to update viewers on their quest for an IVF baby, illustrating the pressures and strains of the treatment and its effect on their relationship (T) (390247)

10.55 BBC Proms '97 Tchaikovsky's *Romeo and Juliet Overture* and Rimsky-Korsakov's *Scheherazade* performed by Russia's Kirov Orchestra, conducted by Valery Gergiev (2049518)

12.15am Advance to the Rear (1964, b/w) with Glenn Ford, Melvyn Douglas and Joan Blondell. A gang of misfits are moved from the fighting during the American Civil War and get involved in various adventures, including saving a gold shipment and capturing a rebel spy. Directed by George Marshall (178957)

1.45 Weather (5430989)

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6.00am Open University: Plant Growth Regulators (7998191) **6.25** The *Regulation of Flowering* (8243088) **6.50** Patterns in Green (9092150)

7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (T and signing) (9842131)

7.30 Teletubbies (r) (4243353) **7.55** Brum (r) (1431841) **8.10** Raccoons (r) (1347518) **8.35** Get Your Own Back (r) (T) (5404624) **9.05** Spiderman (r) (7841150) **9.35** Glad Rags (r) (6908179) **10.05** Smurfs' Adventures (r) (5952957) **10.25** Oakie Doke (r) (4232686) **10.35** Spider (r) (2947792) **10.45** Teletubbies (r) (161044)

11.15 Awash with Colour (168957)

11.45 Wisley Through the Seasons (7934773)

12.35pm Cricket: Sixth Test The final half-hour before lunch (1854353)

1.00 Today's Gourmet (r) (61995) **1.30** Tricks of the Trade (r) (88710570) **1.40** Blockbusters (98688082) **2.05** Natural World Classics (r) (T) (8896624) **3.00** News (T) (2241605) **3.05** Modern Times (r) (4388624) **3.55** News (T) (7869773)

4.00 Cricket: Sixth Test England v Australia. Ball by ball coverage until the close of play (3063)

6.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine A Cardassian outpost is destroyed by Klingons (T) (4226599)

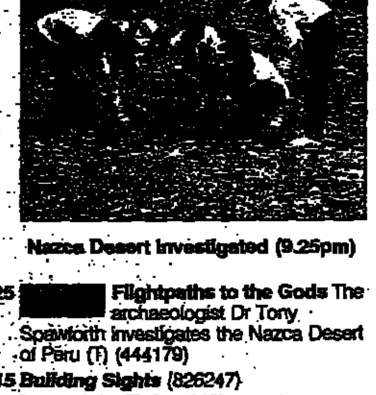
7.10 The Car's the Star The international success of the Land Rover (r) (T) (694334)

7.20 Leviathan New series. Mark Urban presents reflections on familiar events in history. Beginning with Michael Portillo recounting Benjamin Disraeli's fortuitous rise to power; the conflict between India and Pakistan comes under scrutiny; and day trippers contrast the Southend of today with that of a prewar Bank Holiday (150)

8.00 Wild Harvest with Nick Nairn Traditional Borders cuisine (T) (8696) **WALES:** Anchors Away

8.30 Wildlife Showcase Cameramen journey into the Alps to shoot footage of marmots (T) (2711)

9.00 Third Rock from the Sun Harry is mistaken for an environmental activist (T) (447334)



Nazca Desert Investigated (9.25pm)

9.25 Flightpaths to the Gods The archaeologist Dr Tony Spawforth investigates the Nazca Desert of Peru (T) (444179)

10.15 Building Sights (826247)

10.30 Newsnight (T) (548315)

11.15 Cricket: Sixth Test Highlights (523266)

12.00 Weather (4060667)

12.05am Platypus Man (9422483)

1.00 Autism (14731) **1.30** Me — a Student? (40280) **2.00** Music Maestro Essentials (10613) **4.00** Languages (76483) **5.00** Business and Work (94629)

6.00am GMTV (7481179)

9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (T) (5095773)

9.55 Judge Judy (T) (3963599)

10.20 News (T) (6758247)

10.25 Regional News (T) (6757518)

10.30 The Bridal Path (1959) with Bill Travers and Bernadette O'Farrell. Comic tale about a Scottish islander travelling to the mainland to find a wife. Directed by Frank Launder (51717421)

12.20pm Regional News (T) (4361421)

12.30 News (T) and weather (1859808)

12.55 Shortland Street (1834599) **1.25** Home and Away (T) (14865860) **1.50** Murder, She Wrote (r) (9822686) **2.50** Cat Crazy (T) (6761711)

3.20 News (T) (2258995)

3.25 Regional News (T) (2257266)

3.30 Potamus Park (r) (6710709) **3.40** Thumbs Up (6353599) **3.50** Rupert (r) (6214773) **4.15** Transylvania Pet Shop (T) (6385696) **4.40** ReBoot. Last in series (T) (2256792)

5.10 A Country Practice (2380792)

5.40 News (T) and weather (443841)

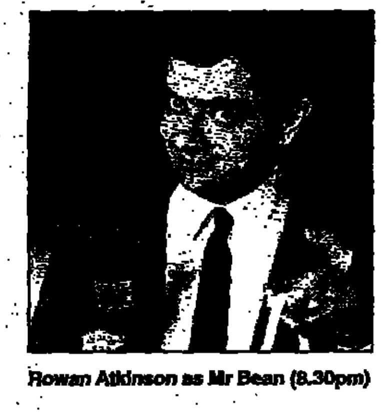
6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (227266)

6.25 The West Tonight (T) (585063)

7.00 Emmerdale Lord Alex ties the knot (T) (1082)

7.30 Blues and Twos The Royal Navy search-and-rescue workers, based at Culdrose (r) (T) (976)

8.00 The Bill Tensions rise between Boyden and Beech as they search for a violent man and his long-suffering wife before a vicious drug dealer with a score to settle gets to them first (T) (7402)



Rowan Atkinson as Mr Bean (8.30pm)

8.30 Do-It-Yourself, Mr Bean Chaotic comedy with the bumbling Mr Bean, alias Rowan Atkinson (r) (6537)

9.00 The Ruth Rendell Mysteries: Simisola Wexford makes a breakthrough, but as the pieces start falling into place, he realises there's one final mystery to be solved before investigations can be concluded (3/3) (r) (T) (2421)

10.00 News (T) and weather (47976)

10.30 Regional News (T) (281711)

10.40 West Eye View Do claims offered by a network marketing giant match reality? (825976)

11.15 On the Waterfront Live music from around the Bristol Docks (2/3) (973976)

11.45 New York News (404792)

12.35am The LADS (T) (7752193) **1.10** Emergency! (3962919) **1.40** Planet Rock Profiles (9556919) **2.10** Late and Loud (r) (6365532) **3.10** Jones and Jury (79147629) **3.30** The Good Sex Guide Late (r) (6831071) **4.25** Phenomena (22381532) **4.35** The Time, the Place (r) (T) (70100261) **5.00** The Pulse (93342) **5.30** News (51193)

As HTV West except:

10.30am Film: The Death of the Incredible Hulk (51717421)

12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (1834599)

1.50 Cat Crazy (98642044)

2.20-3.20 Hart to Hart (8677599)

5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (2380792)

10.40 Film: Police Academy III (5405976)

12.05am Hitchcock Presents (5206551)

12.40 Planet Mirth (5949193)

1.10 Rockmania (7898025)

2.10 Planet Rock Profiles (9260667)

2.40 God's Gift (4319261)

3.30 Late and Loud (12261)

4.30 Sound Bites (96177174)

4.35 Central Jobfinder '97 (1246483)

5.20 Asian Eye (6914209)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:

10.30am Film: Murder by the Book (51717421)

12.20pm-12.30 Illuminations (4361421)

12.55 Home and Away (8537570)

1.20 Emmerdale (10424044)

1.50 Cat Crazy (98642044)

2.20-3.20 Blue Heelers (8677599)

5.10-5.40 Home and Away (2380792)

6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (81808)

10.30 Westcountry News (272063)

10.45 All the World's a Stage (976063)

11.15 Cadie's Quest (973976)

11.45 Prisoner: Cell Block H (404792)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:

10.30am Cartoon Time (2942247) **10.40 David the Gnome** (3459266) **11.05 Cartoon Time** (4328266) **11.25 BraveStarr** (4304686) **11.50 Dinosaurs** (9626792) **1.50pm Cat Crazy** (98642044) **2.20-3.20 Dr Quinn** (8677599) **5.10-5.40 Home and Away** (2380792) **6.00 Meridian Tonight** (112) **6.30-7.00 Grass Roots** (792) **10.40 Film: Miami Blues** (18389518) **5.00am Freescreen** (93342)

ANGLIA

As HTV West except:

10.30am Cartoon Time (2942247) **10.40 David the Gnome** (3459266) **11.05 Cartoon Time** (4328266) **11.25 BraveStarr** (4304686) **11.50 Dinosaurs** (9626792) **12.55-1.25 A Country Practice** (1834599) **1.50 Cat Crazy** (98642044) **2.20-3.20 Dr Quinn: Medicine Woman** (8677599) **5.10-5.40 Shortland Street** (2380792) **6.55-7.00 What's On** (158957) **10.45 The Magic and Mystery Show** (976063) **11.15-11.45 Cover Story** (973976)

S4C

Starts: 6.00am Sesame Street (87119) **7.00 The Bigger Breakfast** (92145976) **9.05 Saved by the Bell** (7843518) **9.35 Alex Mack** (6991247) **10.05 Sister, Sister** (7926570) **10.35 The Crystal Maze** (3859266) **11.35 The Bigger Breakfast** (9628150) **12.05pm California Dreams** (7000995) **12.30 Ricki Lake** (64131) **1.00 Slot Meithrin** (66796518) **1.15 Wil Cwac Cwac** (66784773) **1.30 Holiday** (35896599) **1.50 Vertical Hold** (43384841) **2.00 Racing from York** (9334) **4.00 Bewitched** (605) **4.30 The Living Sea** (889) **5.00 Home Improvement** (9860) **5.30 Countdown** (841) **6.05 Heno** (205044) **6.35 Hollol Bananas** (110537) **7.00 Pobol y Cwm** (315315) **7.25 Y Glas** (673112) **8.00 Dal I Drol** (5044) **8.30 Newyddion** (4179) **9.00 The Jewel in the Crown** (5173) **10.00 Film: Play Dirty** (25615828) **12.10am Citizen's Arrest** (8044358) **12.40 Films of Fire** (8553667)

6.00am Sesame Street (r) (87119)

7.00 The Bigger Breakfast with **9.05** Saved by the Bell (r) (T) **9.35** Alex Mack **10.05** Sister, Sister (r) **10.35** The Crystal Maze (r) (T) **11.35** The Bigger Breakfast (42703119)

12.05pm California Dreams (r) (7000995)

12.30 Light Lunch (r) (67957)

1.30 The Living Sea: The Emerald Seas Charting three decades of aquatic exploration with John Stoneman (r) (T) (63402)

2.00 Racing from York The 2.05, 2.35, 3.10 and 3.45 races (T) (9334)

4.00 Bewitched (r) (T) (605) **4.30** Countdown (T) (8945565) **4.55** Ricki Lake (r) (T) (6515228) **5.30** Pet Rescue (r) (T) (841)

6.00 Boy Meets World (T) (225808)

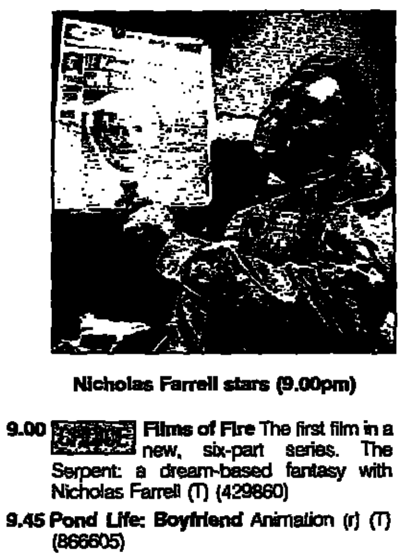
6.25 Fresh Pop (101889)

6.30 Hollyoaks (T) (334)

7.00 News (T) and weather (278614)

7.50 Girls, Girls, Girls Charmaine and Geraldine talking about motherhood (155024)

8.00 Time Team: Navan Tony Robinson and the team search for evidence of the palaces of Celtic legends in Navan (r) (T) (7599)



Nicholas Farrell stars (9.00pm)

9.00 Films of Fire The first film in a new, six-part series. The Serpent: a dream-based fantasy with Nicholas Farrell (T) (429860)

9.45 Pond Life: Boyfriend Animation (r) (T) (866605)

10.00 Whose Line Is It Anyway? Improvised humour. The guests include George Wendt, who played Norm in *Cheers* (T) (45518)

10.30 Black Widow (1987) with Debra Winger and Theresa Russell. A prim and proper Justice Department agent becomes obsessed with the deaths of two men, both of whom had both recently married. Directed by Bob Rafelson (92518179)

12.25 For the Love Of . . . Marine Tropical Fish Six dedicated aquarists discuss their hobby (2/6) (2338358)

1.30 Suicide Island When US Marines invaded the Pacific island of Saipan in 1944, hundreds of Japanese civilians committed suicide (r) (T) (28358)

2.30 Fifty Years of Silence A Dutch woman in a Japanese prison camp was removed to the officers' brothel, where she was repeatedly raped (r) (T) (15358)

3.30 Hidden Hands: A Different History of Modernism The Modernist work of the French architect Le Corbusier (r) (3/4) (10803)

4.30 Advice to the Lovelorn (1933, b/w) Comedy drama starring Lee Tracy, directed by Alfred Werker (3872349)

5.35 Film and Video Showcase (6084629)

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE
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6.00am 5 News Early (7477228)

7.30 WideWorld: Whose Health? Dr Mark Porter looks at the issues raised by the treatment of facial disfigurement (8/10) (6193518)

8.00 Havakazoo (2526889) **8.30** Wishbone (2518860) **9.00** Wind in the Willows (2509112) **9.30** Stickin' Around (7266781)

10.00 Exclusive (r) (9660605)

10.30 Instant Gardens (r) (2538624)

11.00 Leeza Chat show (2765805)

11.50 Double Espresso (33385334)

12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful Los Angeles-based soap (T) (2529976)

12.30pm Family Affairs (r) (T) (3466529) **1.00** 5 News Update (22275995) **1.05** Sunset Beach. Sun, sand and sea saga (T) (1476131) **2.00** 5's Company. Live entertainment show (3890686)

3.30 Babycakes (1993) starring Ricki Lake and Craig Sheffer. A romantic comedy about an overweight mortuary attendant who falls for a train driver. Directed by Paul Schneider (6306547)

5.20 5's Company: Late Extra (60037315)

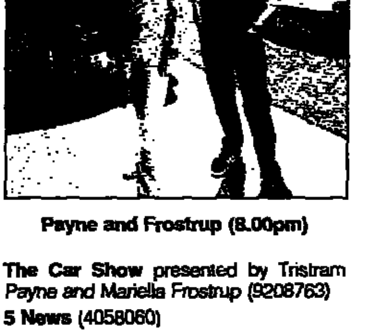
5.30 100 Per Cent (5855995)

6.00 Move on Up Fast-moving game show (5852808)

6.30 Family Affairs Nick and Chris compete for the same job (5836860)

7.00 Exclusive Showbiz gossip (5503155)

7.30 Animal Calypso: Animal Drifters The wildlife of the Sargasso Sea (T) (5832044)



Payne and Frostrup (8.00pm)

8.00 The Car Show presented by Tristram Payne and Mariella Frostrup (9208763)

8.30 5 News (4058060)

9.00 Spacehunter: Adventures in the Forbidden Zone (1983) A science fiction adventure starring Peter Strauss and Molly Ringwald. Directed by Lamont Johnson (T) (63774247)

10.40 Not the Jack Docherty Show Chat and comedy (5011624)

11.25 Prisoner: Cell Block H (2946334)

12.25am Live and Dangerous Sports magazine presented by Dominik Diamond and Shelley Webb. Includes football action from both Brazil and the United States (22379667)

4.35 The Streets of San Francisco Police drama series starring Karl Malden (T) (8551990)

5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (6122193)

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SKY 1

6.00am Morning Glory (389957) **9.00** Regis and Kathie Lee (76150) **10.00** Another World (98063) **11.00** Days of Our Lives (85599) **12.00** Oprah Winfrey (71042) **1.00pm** Geraldo (14150) **2.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (76353) **3.00** Jenny Jones (14698) **4.00** Oprah Winfrey (26421) **5.00** Star Trek: Next Generation (3841) **6.00** Live 6 Show (8624) **6.30** Married — with Children (8978) **7.00** Simpsons (4570) **7.30** M*A*S*H (9850) **8.00** Third Rock from the Sun (5938) **8.30** The Nanny (2353) **9.00** Seinfeld (22605) **9.30** Mad About You (21501) **10.00** Chicago Hope (43888) **11.00** Star Trek: Next Generation (99792) **12.00** Late Show with David Letterman (11716) **1.00am** Hit Mix Long Play (8224483)

SKY 2

7.00pm Superboy (9185191) **7.30** Superboy (5812228) **8.00** Unsolved Mysteries (8222599) **9.00** Highlander (8235063) **10.00** Tek War (8238150) **11.00** In the Heat of the Night (8273889) **12.00** Hit Mix

SKY NEWS

Worldwide news coverage, with bulletins on the hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week

SKY MOVIES

6.00am The Stone Boy (1984) (93286) **8.00 September** (1996) (15711) **9.30 Sky Riders** (1976) (38711) **11.30 The Seventh Dawn** (1964) (61315) **1.30pm Letter to My Killer** (1996) (11696) **3.30 September** (1996) (62044) **5.00 Seasons of the Heart** (1993) (72686) **7.00 Hercules in the Maze of the Minotaur** (1994) (95876) **9.00 Clueless** (1995) (21211268) **10.45 Top Dog** (1994) (73297808) **12.20am The Cool and the Crazy** (1993) (9256648) **1.50 The Spider and the Fly** (1994) (2112803) **3.20 Hostile Force** (1996) (12846822)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Walls of Jericho (1948) (93266) **8.00 New Adventures of Oliver Twist** (65247) **10.00 Black Feather** (1995) (23353) **12.00 Le Colonel Chabert** (1994) (48570) **2.00pm Mister Dog** (1995) (53309) **4.00 Young Indiana Jones: Treasure of the Peacock's Eye** (1996) (6315) **6.00 Reckless Kelly** (1994) (45149537) **7.40** US Top 10 (113044) **8.00 In the Army Now** (1994) (46421) **9.30** Movie Show (99841) **10.00 Bad Company** (1995) (227841) **11.55 Red Shoe Diaries: Four on the Floor** (1995) (225860) **1.25am Forbidden Choices** (1994) (617551) **3.05 Rage** (1972) (585822) **4.45 Return to Treasure Island** (1521735)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm The Road to Hong Kong (1962) (9836131) **8.00 Planes, Trains and Automobiles** (1988) (9848978) **10.00 Casualties of War** (1989) (9118518) **11.55 Fright Night** (1985) (8485044) **1.45am The Devil Rides Out** (1968) (3741919) **3.20-4.55 Horror of Frankenstein** (1970) (6723193)

TNT

9.00pm Treasure Island (1990) (59458695) **11.15 The Liquidator** (1966) (58974421) **1.00am The Letter** (1940) (10869648) **2.35-5.00 The Yellow Rolls-Royce** (1964) (93585483)

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Sports Centre (38334) **7.30** Wrestling (24792) **8.30** Racing News (22570) **9.00** Sports Centre (46150) **9.30** Aerobics (80082) **10.00** Euro Tour Weekly (91686) **10.30** Golf: European Open — Live (684773) **1.30pm** Futbol Mundial (50841) **2.00** Golf: Friendly's Classic (82315) **3.00** Golf: European Open — Live (471131) **6.00** Sports Centre (4605) **6.30** Football League Review (5957) **7.00** Trans World Sport (85727) **8.00** Rugby Club (75957) **9.30** Tight Lines (50044) **10.30** Sports Centre (43063) **11.00** Football League Review (72624) **11.30** Rugby Club (58119) **1.00am** Full Throttle (71613) **1.30** Trans World Sport (11008) **2.30** Formula Three (74648) **3.30-4.00** Sports Centre (15174)

SKY SPORTS 2

8.00pm Cricket: England v Australia — Sixth Test (5838044) **10.00** Gaelic Games (5855179) **11.00** Formula Three (9278518) **12.00-1.00am** Tight Lines (5313377)

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 Aerobics Oz Style (70549315) **12.30pm** Trans World Sport (33100792) **1.30** Full Throttle (12523808) **2.00** Tennis: Women's US Open Final 1996 (42555228) **3.30** Powerboat and Jetski World (89685044) **4.00** World of Super League with Eddie and Stevo (71062112) **6.00** Full Throttle (68881228) **6.30** Inside the PGA Tour (88685808) **7.00** Sports Centre (71083805) **7.30** Football League Review (68674792) **8.00** Golf: European Open (74468808) **10.00-11.30** Golf: NEC World Series (78995082)

EUROSPORT

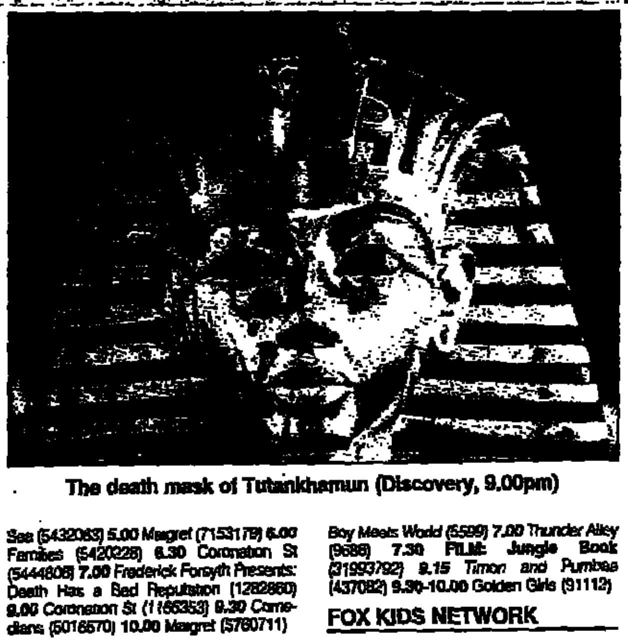
7.30am Swimming (43537) **8.00** Swimming: European Championships — Live (587131) **10.30** Swimming (37402) **11.00** World Cup Qualifiers (99112) **1.00pm** Water Skiing (23773) **1.30** Mountain Biking (85537) **2.00** Swimming (3353112) **3.15** Swimming: European Championships — Live (1027895) **4.30** Football: N Ireland v Germany (16247) **6.30** Swimming (23315) **7.30** Football: Barcelona v Real Madrid (53044) **9.30** World Cup Qualifiers (45889) **11.30-12.30am** Europa Truck Trial (64599)

UK GOLD

7.00am Rentaghost (2498421) **7.35** Neighbours (3807179) **8.00** Crossroads (3133112) **8.25** EastEnders (7003063) **9.00** The Bill (3164599) **9.30** Shelley (5408792) **10.00** Tellystack (5986088) **10.30** The Sullivans (3186711) **11.00** Ironside (18982808) **12.05pm** Crossroads (85512860) **12.30** Neighbours (5419808) **1.00** EastEnders (7865501) **1.35** No Place Like Home (1875773) **2.15** The Liver Birds (5501353) **2.50** It Ain't Half Hot, Mum (5279402) **3.30** The Bill (3823228) **4.00** Hold the Dream (4804808) **5.00** Casualty (19032711) **6.05** EastEnders (8823280) **6.40** Brush Strokes (5633150) **7.20** Dr Who (5959228) **7.50** George and Mildred (6226595) **8.20** Hi-De-Hi (4703537) **9.00** The Bill (4893792) **9.30** Chancer (33984537) **10.35** Naked Video (2057228) **11.15** Live at Jongleurs (6075711) **11.45** Gold Goes Pop (3302006) **12.30am** It's a Knockout (3880280) **1.20** Big Deal (9120174) **2.15** Shopping (43052939)

GRANADA PLUS

6.00am The Box (6912452) **7.00** Coronation St (1202824) **7.30** Families (1281131) **8.00** Surprise! Surprise! (6525599) **9.00** Richard and Judy Exclusives (7144063) **9.30** Doctor at Sea (5032518) **10.00** Gentle Touch (1287315) **11.00** Love for Lydia (1207179) **12.00** Coronation St (7131599) **12.30pm** Families (5036334) **1.00** Brass (1201995) **1.30** Classic Interiors (5035805) **2.00** Surprise! Surprise! (3831150) **3.00** Gentle Touch (1157334) **4.00** Richard and Judy Exclusive (5443179) **4.30** Doctor at Sea (5432063) **5.00** Maigret (7153179) **6.00** Families (5420228) **6.30** Coronation St (5444808) **7.00** Frederick Forsyth Presents: Death Has a Bad Reputation (1282860) **9.00** Coronation St (1165353) **9.30** Comedians (5016570) **10.00** Maigret (5780711)



The death mask of Tutankhamun (Discovery, 9.00pm)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

6.00am Dumbo's Circus (45229) **6.30** Goofy's Salute to Father (13537) **7.30** Little Mermaid (6188105) **7.55** Timon and Pumbaa (9840599) **8.10** Goof Troop (9887745) **9.00** Tale Spin (9334570) **9.25** Aladdin's Bazaar (6128112) **10.15** Quack Pack (3880957) **11.00** Boy Meets World (9438150) **11.25** Wonder Years (6392082) **11.50** Timon and Pumbaa (9214860) **12.05pm** Bonkers (3478773) **12.30** Mouse and Mole (52480599) **12.35** Big Garage (41851889) **12.50** Sing Me a Story (1678402) **1.15** Madison (65599841) **1.40** Wonderland (79840814) **2.05** Small Stories (46374228) **2.10** Lamb Chop (15892841) **2.40** Care Bears (6564421) **3.00** Little Mermaid (4929583) **3.25** Timon and Pumbaa (6185112) **3.40** Tale Spin Double Turn (5337115) **4.30** Chooseday (8082) **5.00** Aladdin (7750976) **5.25** Timon and Pumbaa (1653773) **5.35** Mighty Ducks (101353) **6.00** Flash Forward (4247) **6.30** Boy Meets World (5599) **7.00** Thunder Alley (9686) **7.30** FILM: Jungle Book (31993792) **9.15** Timon and Pumbaa (437082) **9.30-10.00** Golden Girls (91112)

FOX KIDS NETWORK

6.00am Delly (7909175) **6.30** Pinocchio (3716484) **7.00** Pizza Cats (8257841) **7.30** Hero Turtles (8276976) **8.00** Casper (8086137) **8.30** Power Rangers Zeo (9436878) **9.00** Masked Rider (9236470) **9.30** Beetleborgs (5135686) **10.00** Spiderman (8265860) **11.00** X Men (2129860) **11.30** Phantom 2040 (2137889) **12.00** The Tick (5836814) **12.30pm** Life with Louie (5139402) **1.00** Casper (8256112) **1.30** Eek! (5138773) **2.00** Pizza Cats (3765155) **2.30** Hero Turtles (5824063) **3.00** Casper (8515452) **3.30** Power Rangers Zeo (5836808) **4.00** Masked Rider (5815315) **4.30** Beetleborgs (5811599) **5.00** Spiderman (3114372) **6.00** X Men (5825792) **6.30** Goosebumps (5816044)

TCC

6.00am Iznogoud (41402) **6.30** Dangermouse (82421) **7.00** Dennis the Menace (69709) **7.30** Where's Wally? (89586) **8.00** Batman (72599) **8.30** Art Attack (18421) **9.30** Earthworm Jim (13334) **10.00** Gravedale High (53773) **10.30** Flash Gordon (84334) **11.00** Creepy Crawlers (93131) **11.30** Cadillacs and Dinosaurs (94860) **12.00** Gravedale High (75686) **12.30pm** Stunt Dawgs (17150) **1.00** Batman (92150) **1.30** Dangermouse (16421) **2.00** Creepy Crawlers (1044) **2.30** Flash Gordon (9792) **3.00** Sonic (9708) **3.30** Earthworm Jim (1537) **4.00** Dennis the Menace (8024) **4.30-5.00** Art Attack (6228)

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NICKELODEON

6.00am Dr Seuss (55088) **6.30** Will Quack Quack etc (65696) **7.00** Babar (37976) **7.30** Cryptkeeper (49711) **8.00** Jumanji (21841) **8.30** Hey Arnold! (20112) **9.00** Rugrats (44792) **9.30** Rugrats (69524) **10.00** Doug (99228) **10.30** Aaahh!! Real Monsters (40976) **11.00** Rocko (55957) **11.30** Ren and Stimpy (56686) **12.00** Pete and Pete (31228) **12.30pm** Clarissa (59112) **1.00** Alex Mack (36247) **1.30** Round the Twist (91711) **2.00** Bailey Kipper (6570) **2.30** Littlest Pet Shop (1518) **3.00** Stickin' Around (5605) **3.30** Bruno the Kid (6063) **4.00** Hey Arnold! (5570) **4.30** Rugrats (4082) **5.00** Sister Sister (2650) **5.30** Sister Sister (5334) **6.00** Moesha (2247) **6.30-7.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (3599)

TROUBLE

12.00 Byker Grove (3162131) **12.30pm** Ready or Not (5404976) **1.00** Madison (1263063) **1.30** Sweet Valley High (5403247) **2.00** Swan's Crossing (7202583) **2.30** No Naked Flames (3646179) **3.00** Byker Grove (4252268) **3.30** Hangtime (3641624) **4.00** California Dreams (3620131) **4.30** Saved by the Bell (3626315) **5.00** Sweet Valley High (9202763) **5.30** Ready or Not (3640985) **6.00** Hangtime (3847808) **6.30** Madison (3621860) **7.00** Saved by the Bell (9107119) **7.30-8.00** California Dreams (3627044)

BRAVO

8.00pm Twilight Zone (3802727) **8.30** Twilight Zone (9852024) **9.00** LA Heat (9879624) **10.00** Tour of Duty (9872711) **11.00** FILM: Bad Taste (8391976) **1.00am** LA Heat (1461087) **2.00** Tour of Duty (7735193) **3.00** FILM: The Men's Club (5132648) **5.00** Twilight Zone (6986280) **5.30** Twilight Zone (3761532)

PARAMOUNT COMEDY

7.00pm Roseanne (7686) **7.30** Family Ties (5711) **8.00** E UK (8334) **8.30** Wings (5841) **9.00** Cheers (68421) **9.30** Taxi (79976) **10.00** Roseanne (32957) **10.30** Garry Shandling (41605) **11.00** Armstrong and Miller (70266) **11.30** Vacant Lot (88112) **12.00** Soap (32006) **12.30am** Laverne and Shirley (93629) **1.00** Cheers (75483) **1.30** Taxi (81532) **2.00** E UK (10629) **2.30** Armstrong and Miller (22464) **3.00** Roseanne (82918) **3.30-4.00** Wings (13716)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

8.00 Nova (5832228) **9.00** FILM: Fist of the North Star (39858131) **10.50** World of Anime (1784696) **11.00** The Web (9278518) **12.00** The New Edge (3092071) **12.30am** C/Net Central (2096209) **1.00** Twilight Zone (5480551) **1.30** One Step Beyond (8948174) **2.00** Friday the 13th (8714006) **3.00-4.00** Dark Shadows (1338613)

HOME & LEISURE

9.00am The Joy of Painting (3155841) **9.30** The Garden Show (5406334) **10.00** Garden Club (1881470) **10.30** Antiques Trail (3184353) **11.00** Homemaker (4871570) **11.30** Graham Kerr (4889599) **12.00** Julia Child (3175805) **12.30pm** Hometime (5400150) **1.00** This Old House (1276537) **1.30** New Yankee Workshop (5409421) **2.00** The House (7307197) **2.30** Andy Little's Angling Adventure (3642953) **3.00** Hooked on Fishing (8852222) **3.30-4.00** Go Fishing (3614570)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm The First Flight (3633605) **4.30** Fire (3639889) **5.00** Next Step (3602529) **5.30** Jurassica (3613841) **6.00** Wild Things: The Big Animal Show (3643082) **6.30** The Global Family (3634334) **7.00** Beyond 2000 (3707173) **7.30** Revolution in Paris (3630518) **8.00** Science Frontiers (9862334) **9.00** The Great Egyptians (4891334) **9.30** Atlantis (9020150) **11.00** The Professionals (1253686) **12.00** Specialists (3773377) **12.30am** Fire (9004193) **1.00** Revolution in Paris (1109377) **1.30-2.00** Next Step (8351358)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm The Life and Times of Lord Mountbatten (9229179) **5.00** The Changing Face of Britain (4204860) **6.00** Ancient Mysteries (7585353) **7.00-8.00** Biography: The Earp Brothers (5856808)

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UK LIVING

6.00am Tiny Living (38867421) **9.05** A Woman Called Smith (9044805) **9.15** Gordon Elliott (1837957) **10.05** Jerry Springer (8609402) **11.00** Young and Restless (4710605) **11.50** Brookside (9780860) **12.25pm** Take a Letter (78743860) **12.55** Tempest (8955624) **1.40** Rolonda (8248957) **2.30** Heat Is On (2773808) **3.00** Could It Be a Miracle? (3189266) **3.45** Date with Fate (12166841) **4.05** Jerry Springer (6213353) **5.05** Lingo (46941605) **5.30** Lucky Ladders (2777624) **6.00** I Dream of Jeannie (6153841) **6.35** Ready, Steady, Cook (7661112) **7.05** Hearts Afire (3258082) **7.35** Could It Be a Miracle? (8819088) **8.10** Rolonda (3906044) **9.00** FILM: Dancing in the Dark (9845889) **11.00** Sex Life Down Under (1787044)

ZEE TV

7.00am Jaagran **7.30** ZEE Presents **8.00** Raahat **8.25** Ek Nazar **8.30** Business **9.00** Janm Daata **9.30** Dhoop Chaon **10.00** Ambi **11.00** Aashrona **11.30** Banegi Apni Baat **12.00** Dastaan **12.30pm** Raahat **1.00** FILM **4.00** ZEE Zone **4.05** Zee Top 10 **5.00** Zone Time **5.25** Dada Dadi Ki Kahani **6.00** Sorry Meri Lorry **6.25** Ek Nazar **6.30** ZEE and You **7.00** Euro Zindagi **7.30** Cinemagic **8.00** News **8.35** Andaz **9.05** Navras **9.30** Hasratein **10.00** Bunt TV **10.30** Meri Marzi **11.00** Mano Ya Na Mano **11.25** Commander

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Coach pre-empts RFU committee's decision by announcing his departure

Rowell ends England reign

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

ENGLISH rugby union, which has not been short of crises in recent months, found itself in another yesterday when Jack Rowell, the national coach, resigned from his position. His decision to do so was made public at the same time as the Rugby Football Union national playing committee was meeting to decide whether to renew his contract at the end of this month.

Rowell's announcement, after three years in charge during which England reached the semi-finals of the 1995 World Cup and won in three seasons a five nations' grand slam, championship and triple crown, has been hastened by the RFU's clumsy handling of the issue. He was incensed to discover an approach had been made to Graham Henry, coach of the Auckland Blues, last month and last weekend there was public criticism of him and his chosen captain, Phil de Glanville, by Fran Cotton.

Cotton, vice-chairman (playing) of the RFU management board, was reported in a newspaper article as saying that Ian McGeechan was the only option as full-time coach and, failing that, Rowell as a part-time coach was the only alternative. Rowell, who refuses to consider a full-time role because of his extensive business interests, could not help but perceive an absence of support for his continuation to the 1999 World Cup and timed to perfection his riposte.

The playing committee, under the chairmanship of Bill Beaumont, whose deliberations have not been made easier by Cotton's comments or by the publicity accorded to the research into possible alternatives made by Don Rutherford, the RFU director of rugby, was informed of Rowell's withdrawal after it had been meeting for an hour yesterday afternoon at the East India Club in London.

Rowell chose to announce his decision via the Press Association rather than direct to a committee that, sources say, met with a view to inviting Rowell to carry on.

"Jack being Jack took the decision clean out of our hands," a member of the committee said. "Maybe it was his idea of getting the last laugh. He has fallen on his sword but did he do it too soon?" Rowell himself was a member of the committee though he was, of course, absent. Cotton attended as an observer and now finds English rugby having to consider a series of untested individuals with only two seasons left before the World Cup. It is understood no second approach will be made to McGeechan, who withdrew from consideration on Monday after Northampton, his club, stipulated compensation of around £500,000.

"I'm sorry that Jack has decided not to be considered further for the position of England coach," Cotton, who crossed swords with Rowell as manager of the British Isles in South Africa during the summer, said.

"He has made an immense contribution to the game and I wish him continued success in his business career."

Beaumont said that a coach was needed who could dedicate more time to the position. Recommendations are due to go before the RFU management board next Friday and may include the suggestion that Roger Uttley — coach to England during the 1991 World Cup — returns as manager.

But if they are not to pay out substantial compensation, their coaching choice is limited. Two coaches not under contract to a club are Clive Woodward, who is involved with Bath and the England under-21 team, and, ironically, Dick Best, who was dismissed by the RFU after Rowell came in as manager in 1994.

Best was replaced by Les Cusworth and Mike Slemen, both of whom are candidates for the coaching position but who share with Rowell a sense of grievance at being undermined by their employers. Cusworth has taken up a five-year role with Worcester and Slemen may choose not to commit himself full-time. Henry, urged on by the New Zealand Rugby Football Union, has agreed terms with Auckland.

Best, dismissed by Harlequins at the end of last season, said last night: "I have mixed feelings about it because I think the whole business has been handled very badly. It appears the RFU have asked all and sundry if they want the job. I was asked last February what I thought the job was worth — it's a full-time job, involving not just the elite players but the teams lower down, and I think it's worth £250,000 a year given the intensity of the position.

"But I want to get back to tracksuit coaching, away from a desk, and I'm out of work. I would be interested if anyone approached me." As it happens, Best's successor at Harlequins, Andy Keast, is as well-qualified as many candidates in England, of whom the leading names include Richard Hill and John Mitchell, both tied into long-term contracts with Gloucester and Sale respectively, the Bath duo, Andy Robinson and Woodward, Rob Smith, who coached Wasps to the league title last season, and Keith Richardson, the Newbury coach who has had extensive experience with England A.

CAREER

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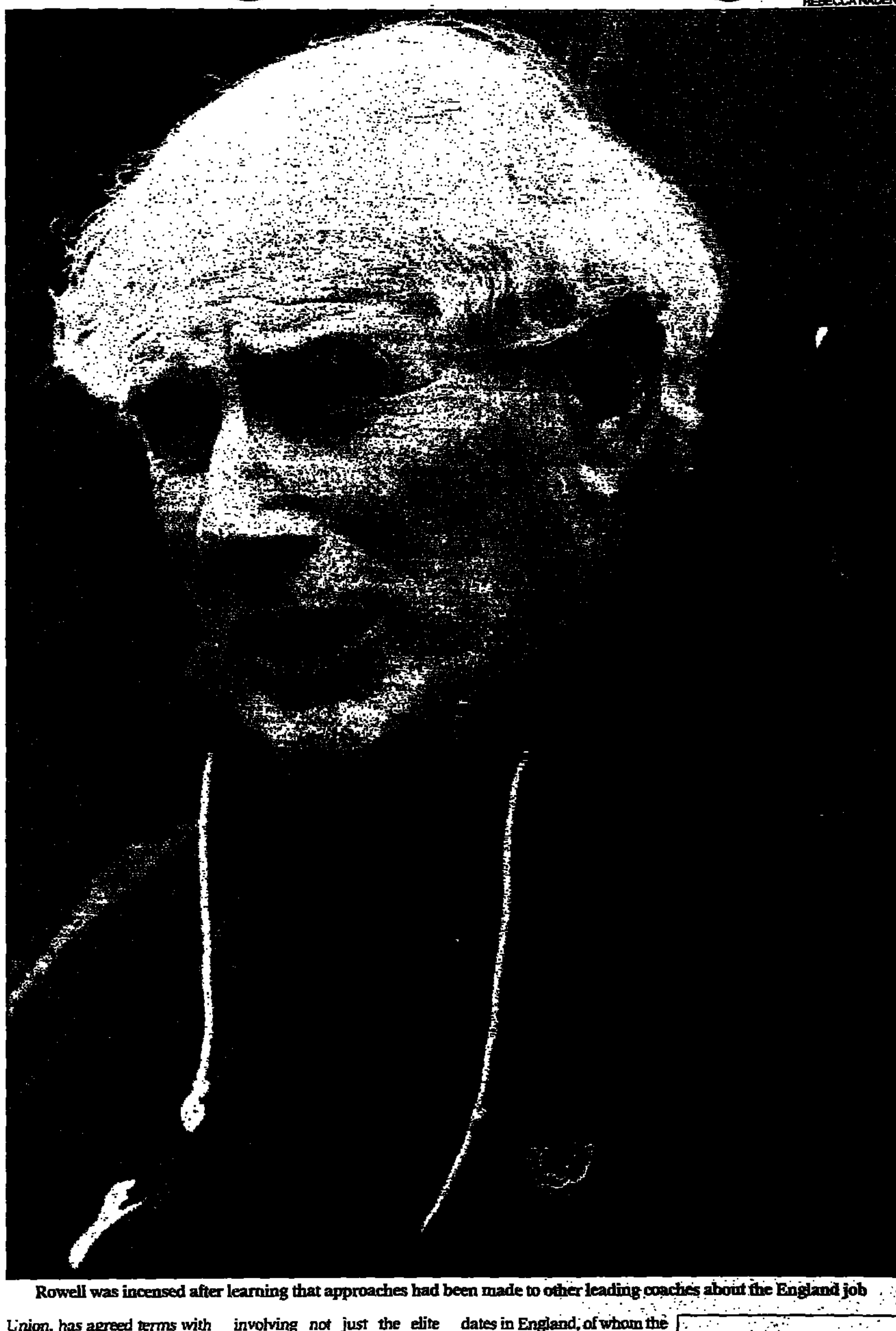
Rowell confers with his England players at Twickenham



REBECCA NADEN

Rowell was incensed after learning that approaches had been made to other leading coaches about the England job

Sympathy for a 'difficult' coach

By David Hands

ALTHOUGH Jack Rowell, as an individual and as a coach, tended to polarise opinion, there was broad sympathy for him within English rugby last night. His decision to step down as England coach after three successful years, encompassing a grand slam, a five nations' championship, a triple crown and fourth place in the 1995 World Cup produced support even from those who have found difficulty working with him.

Dick Best, the England coach from 1992 until he was removed after a three months' association with Rowell in 1994, criticised the RFU's management of the affair. "If they were going to talk to people like Ian McGeechan and Grahan Henry, Jack should have been told it was going to be a full-time role rather than being left waiting around to see what was decided," Best said.

Donald Kerr, chairman of the English Rugby Partnership, said: "I'm not surprised that Jack has quit. I think the whole affair has been handled very badly. It would be interesting to find out if he chose to quit or was pushed, but I hope he will stay involved with English rugby because he's a very talented individual."

Phil de Glanville, Rowell's nominee as captain in succession to Will Carling last season and whose position must be in considerable doubt, was disappointed but not surprised. "I think that Jack has been debating it in his mind for some time," de Glanville, who played under Rowell at Bath, said.

"It is not a great surprise that he has decided to take this course of action. Jack has had a wonderful career as England coach and everyone who has worked with him will be disappointed that he has decided to go.

"He is a real motivator who knows how to work on people's strengths and weaknesses. I've had a good year as England captain — all I can do now is wait and see what happens."

Mark Regan, the Bath and England hooker, said: "I'm a bit gutted because he's a very good coach and I knew where he was coming from."

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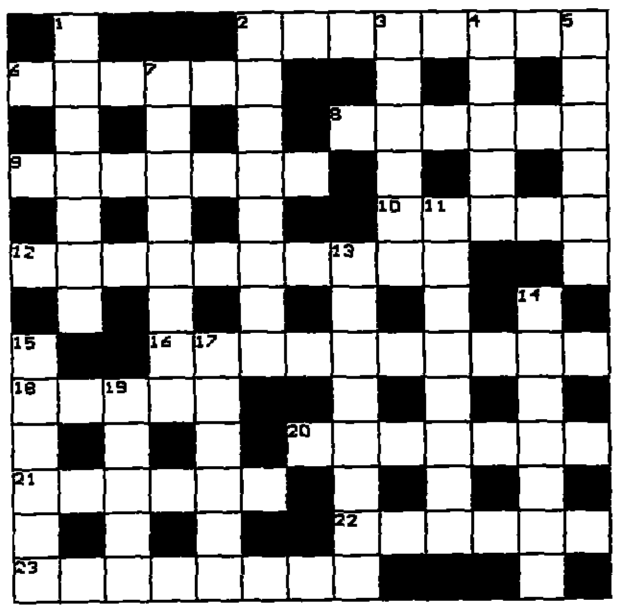

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- 6 Group of friends; part of theatre (6)
- 8 Leafy bower (6)
- 9 Forsake (7)
- 10 More than enough (5)
- 12 Rejecting company (10)
- 16 Cut of meat; type of whisker (6,4)
- 18 Weighed down (5)
- 20 Uneasy feeling (7)
- 21 Pardonable (offence) (6)
- 22 Ship's boat: knife? (6)
- 23 Ability to figure (8)

DOWN
- 1 30s dance orchestra (3,4)
- 2 One living for pleasure (8)
- 3 Signal receiver (6)
- 4 Bend: sounds like *holy water basin* (5)
- 5 Lyme Regis county (6)
- 7 A clear soup (8)
- 11 Trader (8)
- 13 Tendency to float (8)
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Plenty still at stake for England

By Alan Lee
Cricket Correspondent

FOR an England player or supporter, aching for success rather than accustomed to it, there is no such thing as a dead Test match. The Ashes may be beyond recall yet again, but England's incentives in the final Test at the Oval, which starts today, are the old virtues of pride, profile and personal profit.

Pride must ensure that England do not submit so meekly as at Trent Bridge a fortnight ago. Profile demands an improvement, for the capacity crowds of this summer will not be perpetuated by constant defeat. Personal profit awaits those who can win a place in the Caribbean this winter by their performances over the next five days.

Then, of course, there is the most intriguing component of this match, the latest and decisive episode in the captaincy saga. Remarkably, we could be about to witness the simultaneous farewells from office of both Michael Atherton and Mark Taylor.

They start from distinctly different positions. Taylor wishes to continue in charge of Australia, but awaits the opinion of his selectors: Atherton already knows he has the support of selectors, players and county captains. Now he just has to convince himself that he wishes to carry on.

"There are many things to take into account," Atherton said yesterday. "I have to ask myself if I am still the right man for the job, if I have still got the same drive and enthusiasm for it. It's all for me to assess at the end of this game.

"If the team is not performing, the captain takes the flak," he said, utterly without self-pity. "I don't shy away from that and never have done. It comes with the territory. If a captain comes to the stage where he doesn't have the support of his dressing-room, it is clearly time to stand aside. I don't feel I have reached that point."

Atherton's mind would certainly be cleared by a performance more representative of England's potential than the bad habits into which they have declined during the past month. He could help this morning, by winning the toss for the first time in the series.

The latest reshuffle of the batting order — and its extension, with Adam Hollioake now at No 7 — is designed to produce the more competitive totals that England crave, but cannot in itself eradicate the hot-headed sessions in which games regularly slip away from them.

As often as not, this has been the fault of indiscipline by the bowlers rather than the batsmen and England's cause is not helped by another enforced upheaval in this area. Two games ago, at Headingley, England's five bowlers were Gough, Headley, Smith, Ealham and Croft. An entirely different five will see duty today, on a pitch likely to be every bit as good as the one at Nottingham.

Headley, the one possible survivor, continues to be troubled by a bruised right heel, which means that Peter Martin will play his first Test since last June. The absence of Gough, Croft and Cork, so recently the heart and soul of the team, would have been impossible to contemplate at the start of the year. Now, however, England turn again to two men who at least know what it is to bowl the side to victory at the Oval. Phil Tufnell did it in 1991, Devon Malcolm three years later.

For Tufnell, this is a fresh opportunity to establish himself as the No 1 spin bowler — pity though it is that England have not included two in any home Test this year. For Malcolm, it will surely be a swansong, unless he can recapture one more time the spirit of 1994.

A more appealing scenario for England's future would be the belated breakthrough of Mark Ramprakash. Not many batsmen start a twentieth Test match with an average of 16, but Ramprakash is identified as a special case and his domination of county cricket explains why.

No one can prosper on potential alone, however, and this is the time for him to deliver. As Atherton said yesterday: "He has had some disappointments but he must just forget all that. He has to play for the here and now."

TEAMS

ENGLAND (from): M A Atherton (capt), M A Butcher, A J Stewart, N Hussain, G P Thorpe, M R Ramprakash, A J Hollioake, A R Caddick, P J Martin, P C R Tufnell, D E Malcolm, D W Headley, B C Hollioake

AUSTRALIA: M A Taylor (capt), M T G Elliott, G S Blewett, M E Waugh, S R Waugh, R T Ponting, I A Healy, S Young, S K Warne, M S Kasprowicz, G D McGrath

Umpires: P Willey and L Barker (West Indies). Third umpire: K E Palmer. Match referee: C W Smith (West Indies)

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Islanders turn anger on Governor

Residents want £10,000 each in compensation

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN OLVESTON, MONTSERRAT

AN ANGRY crowd of more *than a* hundred people *marched on* the offices of Frank Savage, *the* British Governor on volcano-ravaged Montserrat, demanding to know details of an evacuation plan drawn up by London and the local government.

As a menacing grey-black cloud of volcanic ash rose *from the Soufrière Hills* about five miles away, *residents said* that they were deeply dissatisfied with the actions of both British and Montserratian officials.

"Can we have a conversation with the Governor? Can we see his face? We are tired of being *pushed* around," said Julian Romeo, a local businessman who addressed the crowd with a loudspeaker. "We have had enough. We want respect. We need to hear the truth," he added.

A tattered Union Jack hung limply from a flagpole outside Mr Savage's offices.

Some protesters carried cardboard *banners asking for* "Honesty," "No lies" and "Compensation". Nadine Tuitt, a local hairdresser, wore a T-shirt with the words: "They think we're mushrooms. They keep us in the dark . . ."

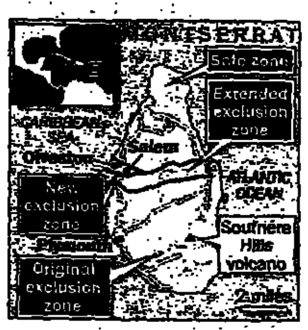
The rumblings of discontent around the island now rival the belching of the volcano. More than half of the 11,500 population have already fled the island, and many of the remaining 4,000 residents are crammed into makeshift shelters with poor sanitary conditions.

After scientists gave a warning that major new eruptions posed a greater threat than originally believed, London at the weekend announced plans *for* a voluntary evacuation. But that evacuation, due to start yesterday, has been delayed while British and Montserratian officials work out the details. The British destroyer *HMS Liverpool* is anchored of the north coast *ready to help.*

But *many* local *people* say that, after two years of patiently withstanding intermittent *explosions from the* volcano, which has so far claimed an estimated 19 lives and destroyed hundreds of homes and businesses in the south of the island, their patience is running out. "We need answers now," said Mr Romeo.

"We want to know what is our package now, and what is our compensation," said Rosalind Meade, *another protester.*

Chanting "We want the Governor now, outside," leaders of the Montserrat Citizens' Association declined an invitation to meet Mr Savage inside his offices. A few minutes later Mr Savage emerged, accompanied by Frank Hooper, the island's British police chief, to discuss their grievances.



Mr Savage attempted to *calm the* crowd, thanking them for coming *to see him.* Since the volcano first became active a little over two years ago, he said, "we have all been through this together".

"We are working around the clock," he added, saying that he *hoped to have a* final *answer from London* "*as soon* as possible".

The Governor suggested that the delay was due to increased volcanic activity in the past two weeks which had produced "a new situation *that* is being addressed very quickly".

Bertrand Osborne, Montserrat's Chief Minister, expressed his own frustration in a radio address on Tuesday evening, saying he was "very disappointed" by London's failure to respond faster to proposals for financial assistance to the potential evacuees.

Mr Osborne revealed that his government had asked London for 40,000 Eastern Caribbean dollars (£10,000) in financial aid for every head of household and 70,000 EC dollars for a married couple. Under that proposal a family of four would be entitled to *110,000 EC dollars. He also* said *his government has requested permission to* abolish a local income tax for two years.

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

A team from *HMS Liverpool* goes ashore at Montserrat. The destroyer is anchored offshore in readiness for an evacuation of the island

Britain awaits new wave of refugees

BY ADRIAN LEE
AND GLEN OWEN

BRITAIN was yesterday preparing for an influx of refugees from Montserrat. The Government said about 4,000 residents of the colony would be offered a haven in Britain, where normal work permit *requirements will be waived and they will qualify for income and housing benefit.*

The evacuation will be funded from £41.5 million allocated by the Government to the island for relief projects.

Sources on Montserrat said *money would be distributed among islanders to cover* their subsistence costs. It was proposed that every head of household would get £2,403, each spouse would receive £1,803, with £1,203 for every child. Details of the package had not been agreed last night.

It was expected that the number of islanders accepting the offer would run into hundreds, but many would choose to stay in the Caribbean, hoping to return eventually to their homes. They are *likely to be offered free passage to Britain, where they* will join 1,400 compatriots who fled Montserrat earlier.

A fleet of ferries and a 250-seat catamaran was ready last night to take the residents to neighbouring Antigua where they will be greeted by a team from the Department of Inter*national Development. The destroyer HMS Liverpool* was sitting off the coast of Montserrat in case the evacuation, described by the Foreign Office as "not an emergency", became urgent. "*Some people on Montserrat have lost everything,*" a Foreign Office spokesman said. "It is too early to say how many of those remaining will choose to come to Britain but the offer is open to all," the spokesman added. "There is no ceiling." It is thought that many will ignore advice to evacuate.

Clare Short, the International Development Secretary, praised the islanders for remaining "remarkably stoical and calm".

The Soufrière Hills volcano began throwing ash and rock into the air in July 1995, ending 400 years of dormancy. Fresh eruptions this June left at least 19 people dead and earlier this month virtually destroyed Plymouth, the capital.

The remaining population *live in the northern third of the island, but emergency* living accommodation has been condemned as inadequate, while raw sewage has been dumped in the sea and health care is scanty.

Giuliani cracks down on police 'brutality'

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK'S Mayor [illegible] committee — dubbed a "brutality task force" — yesterday *to look into the case of a* Haitian *immigrant* who says he was tortured last week in the locked lavatory of a Brooklyn police precinct.

The man, Abner Louima, has sued the city for $55 million (£35 million) in compensation for the physical injury, emotional distress and humiliation *to his family caused by the alleged brutality,* said to have included his being indecently assaulted repeatedly with the wooden handle of a lavatory plunger. Doctors have confirmed that his injuries, which include a ruptured intestine, are consistent with the acts he describes.

The mayor, Rudolph Giuliani, *whose political edifice has been built largely* on a foundation of no-nonsense policing, wasted no time in taking action against the officers involved, named as Justin Volpe and Charles Schwarz.

The mayor made sure that they were *suspended* the day after Mr *Louima's story broke. The next day they were* charged with aggravated assault and could face up to 20 years in prison if found guilty.

Howard Safir, New York's Police Commissioner, swept the tarnished precinct clean: two senior superintendents were reassigned to other jobs, a desk sergeant *was suspended, and ten officers in the station* at the time of Mr Louima's alleged torture — and who chose not to intervene despite anguished screams — have been confined to desk duties.

His tough response means Mr Giuliani has prevented Mr Louima becoming New York's *Rodney King, the black man whose brutal beating in* March 1991 by Los Angeles police officers sparked some of America's worst urban violence.

Mr Giuliani, the toughest, most pro-police mayor in New York's history, did not mince words in his condemnation of the *officers, describing the acts* alleged *as "criminal, barbaric* and unworthy of any police officer anywhere". There was no trace of leniency towards a force known in the city as "Guiliani's finest". He made plain that he expected other officers to co-operate in the investigation, and that he *would not tolerate a "blue wall of silence".*

Mr Guiliani faces re-election in November and is clearly intent on preventing his opponents from beating him with a civil liberties stick. However, a pungent irony will not have been lost on him: as Mr Louima was allegedly being given the "third degree" *in New York, members of the city's police* were in Port-au-Prince training the Haitian force in modern, humane policing methods.

The 28-strong committee includes people from the whole gamut of political philosophy.

REUTERS

A scene showing inmates at an Oklahoma prison being forced to lie on the floor

Jail abuse caught on video

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

AN INMATE of a private Texas jail, who was bitten by *a dog,* shocked with a stun *gun* and kicked in the crotch *by a* guard, has found himself on national television thanks to a videotape of his ordeal.

Made "for training purposes", the videotape is now the central piece of evidence in an FBI civil rights investigation *that has* reignited a fierce debate on whether private companies *should* be allowed *to run state prisons.*

The video shows the black inmate, who has not been named, screaming in pain as guards allow an alsatian to bite him in the leg. He is seen being kicked at least once between the legs. The tape also shows at least one other inmate being attacked by the dog and given electric shocks with a stun gun *as he* is dragged across the prison floor *with a broken ankle.*

Prison officials visible on *the tape include* state employees of the Brazoria County Detention Centre, south of Houston, and at least one guard wearing the uniform of Capital Correctional Resources Inc. (CCRI), a Texas-based corporation that runs private jails and jail wings to accomodate inmates *for* whom cells are *not available in the state prison system.*

The tape came to light as part of a $100,000 (£62,000) lawsuit being filed against the centre by an inmate. Lawyers for the jail say they will be "fully vindicated".

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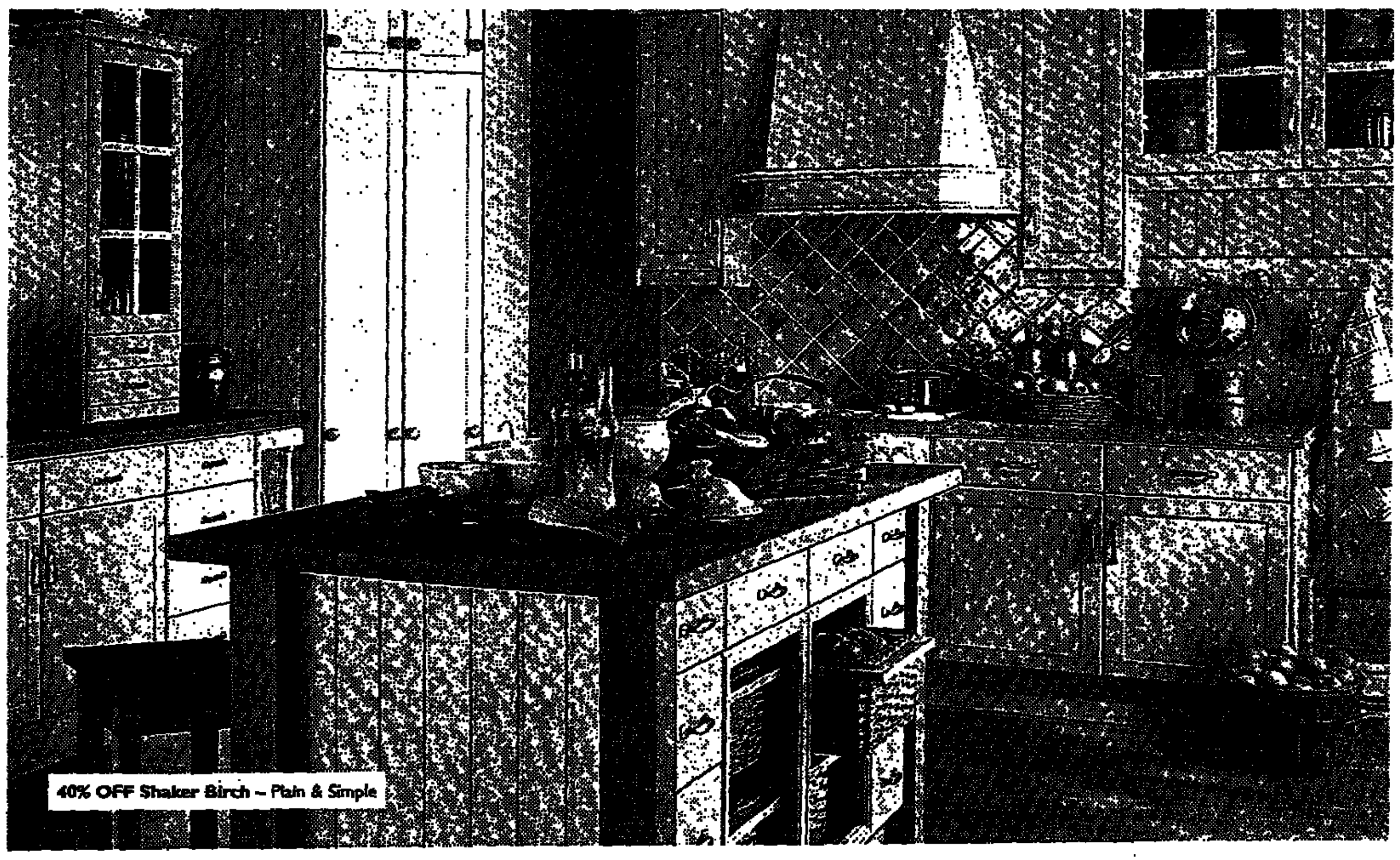
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هيئة امن الاصل

Dr Thomas Stuttaford on paranoid personality disorder; the battle against malaria; the centenary of the aspirin; how heat affects drugs

Delusions that turn life into a nightmare

Nicola Pagett, the actress, first became known to a wide public when she starred in the TV series *Upstairs, Downstairs*. Despite her continuing success she realises, in retrospect, that for many years she has had a manic depressive nature; more recently this has reached a stage where urgent medical attention became essential. Ms Pagett has written about her experiences, which included being sectioned (compulsory admission to a psychiatric unit) and since then has been hospitalised on two other occasions. But since Ms Pagett started taking lithium she has remained well, and has not needed hospital treatment again.

Mania and depression can produce many bizarre symptoms which in Ms Pagett's case included paranoid delusions. She was convinced that her husband, Graham, was poisoning her and was also committing incest with their daughter. No amount of reasoned argument, even evidence, was able to convince her that nothing untoward was taking place in her own home. Ms Pagett even believed that her husband was not only poisoning the water in the jug beside her bed, but had introduced poison into the tap of the mains supply.

Paranoia can be a symptom of the effective disorders, commonly described as depression or mania, in which the patient's mood is altered. These patients are frequently unreasonably depressed or absurdly overelated. Paranoia is also a frequent symptom in the schizophrenic disorders. Press accounts have made it very obvious that the late Gordon McMaster, the Scottish Labour MP who recently committed suicide, was severely depressed, and that in his case one of its manifestations had been paranoia.

Paranoia is perhaps more difficult to diagnose when it occurs in isolation as part of a personality disorder, and when there is no evidence of other major psychiatric disease in the patient.

Before someone can be said to have a paranoid personality disorder they must show at least four of its characteristic seven features.

The hallmarks of the paranoid personality disorder are:

a) They must suspect, without sufficient basis, that others are exploiting or deceiving them.

b) The patient must be preoccupied about the loyalty and trustworthiness of friends and associates.

c) They must be reluctant to confide in others because they fear that any confidences they share may later be used maliciously against them.

d) The patients are prone to discover hidden, demeaning remarks or threats in perfectly benign comments or everyday events.

e) These patients bear grudges and do not easily forgive insults or slights.

f) The patient constantly perceives attacks on his or her character or reputation, and overreacts quickly and angrily to them.

g) People with a paranoid personality disorder are often highly suspicious about the fidelity of any sexual partner.

An appraisal of colleagues in any large organisation or friends in the community or even a glance at the gossipy bits in a newspaper will immediately reveal candidates for inclusion into the list of sufferers from this disorder. People with paranoid personalities tend to be worse when they are stressed or ill, and at these times they become even more quarrelsome and suspicious.

Textbooks advise doctors that they should not expect to be trusted or liked by patients with this temperament and experience has apparently shown that they respond better to medical advice if the physician remains slightly aloof.

Patients rarely visit a doctor because they are seeking help with this personality disorder, as few acknowledge that there is anything very much the matter with their character. If the patient's friends and family are not aware of the personality disorder they may easily be misled into supposing that mutual colleagues and acquaintances are untrustworthy and disloyal, and that the world is every bit as inhospitable as it has been represented.

● Diamonds Behind My Eyes *by Nicola Pagett will be published by Gollancz in September at £9.99*

SCOPE

Nicola Pagett's delusions plunged her family into a nightmare before successful treatment with lithium

Mosquitoes winning, years on

Thousands of holidaymakers and other travellers can visit malarial zones with a reasonable expectation of remaining healthy thanks to the pioneering research of Sir Ronald Ross and Sir Patrick Manson into the life cycle of the malaria parasite, whose existence had first been demonstrated in 1880.

This week, 650 scientists from all over the world have gathered in Hyderabad, south central India, to honour the memory of Ross, and to discuss the latest developments in the control of malaria.

Ross started collaborating with Manson in 1894. In 1897 — the year in which Ross produced his evidence of the life cycle of the malaria parasite and its relation to mosquitoes — Manson, who was also a proponent of the mosquito/malaria theory, became physician and adviser to the Colonial Office.

Ross's life provides a wonderful example to all those embarking on medical studies this year whose A-level results last week may have been rather disappointing. His success illustrates that there is more to being a good doctor than just having an academic brain.

Although he gloried in physics, mathematics and chemistry while at school, Ross did not show any great intellectual prowess while a student at St Bartholomew's hospital, in east London, and a career in the Indian Medical Service at that time was not usually the key to future professional fame.

But despite the lack of any evidence of early brilliance, Ross had become Professor of Tropical Medicine at Liverpool, a Fellow of the Royal Society and a Nobel prize winner for medicine while still in his early forties.

The scientists now gathered in India must wonder, when they view Ross's laboratory, why it is that, 100 years after the natural history of the malaria parasite had been unravelled, the disease is still one of the world's biggest killers. The Malaria Foundation has expressed concern about the present state of control of the disease, which causes three million deaths annually, and afflicts some 495 million people. Attacks, which can recur throughout one's life, weaken the sufferer, and thereby lower his or her resistance to other diseases.

Holidaymakers beware: Malarial zones are still spreading, and the parasite's resistance to drugs is increasing rapidly, largely as a result of unregulated distribution — in many parts of the world anti-malarial drugs are freely available without prescription.

Another problem is that the drugs are often used without supervision. People often feel better soon after starting treatment, and stop taking the drugs without having completed the full course. As a result, resistant strains of parasite survive, and are then transmitted on to the next person.

So far, there is no vaccine against malaria, and the very complexity of the parasite makes it difficult to produce one. Parasites are less stable than viruses and bacteria, and can change even during the course of an infection. These changes may render any vaccine ineffective. In addition, malarial parasites are dissimilar enough that a vaccine which provides immunisation against one variety may not prevent an attack of malaria being brought on by another. Controlling the mosquitoes is also becoming more difficult because the insects' resistance to insecticides is increasing.

Travellers going to a possible malarial zone should consult a clinic that is equipped to offer advice about the best form of protection in the countries they intend to visit.

No drug is 100 per cent efficient, however, and anyone who develops a fever or headache, or feels as though they are suffering from an attack of flu after a visit to a country where malaria is endemic, should see a doctor to arrange blood tests.

Meanwhile, the good news is that Glaxo Wellcome is completing clinical trials of a new drug. Malarone, which is showing every sign of being a useful addition to the anti-malarial pharmaceutical armoury. The new drug is proving helpful in the treatment of some forms of acute malaria, as well as in the prevention of all four types of the disease.

The drug — a mixture of Paludrine, well known to most travellers, and Atovaquone — is a new class of anti-malarial drug that has so far proved too unstable pharmacologically to utilise.

Bite that can bring death

Malarone is described as being "very clean" in regard to side-effects. Few patients taking it for prophylactic purposes complained of any adverse symptoms, while some of those — usually children — using it to treat malarial attacks experienced very occasional bouts of nausea and vomiting.

Travellers should start taking anti-malarial drugs some days before going overseas, and should continue taking them for at least four — although some would say five — weeks after their return. But anti-malarial drugs are not enough in themselves. Other protection against mosquitoes are also needed, such as nets, window screens and insect repellents. Long sleeves and trousers should be worn day and night.

Younger travellers who may feel tempted to try local varieties of cannabis should think twice: the early symptoms of malaria are not unlike the effect of being "stoned". Both can cause feelings of dizziness, depersonalisation, headaches and lethargy, and so an early diagnosis of malaria can be missed.

Pill gets to heart of the matter

WHILE in India they are celebrating the anniversary of Sir Ronald Ross's research into malaria, in Paris they are holding an exhibition to mark the centenary of the discovery of aspirin.

Aspirin was originally produced as an antipyretic to reduce fever and ease pain, but it is now used to treat or prevent a host of diseases.

Tens of thousands of people take a dose of aspirin each day because of its effect on platelet activity and its power to reduce the risk of heart attacks the likelihood of further strokes in those who have already had a minor stroke.

Aspirin has been used as first aid treatment after a heart attack for some years. More recently it has been suggested that it will reduce the brain damage caused by the most common type of stroke.

And the list goes on: aspirin has also been shown to have a protective effect against cataracts, it is useful in treating some forms of recurrent miscarriage, it is valuable in the treatment of many forms of arthritis and SLE, it decreases the risk of colo-rectal cancer, and prevents recurrent attacks of a painful ulcerative disease, Behcet's syndrome.

Aspirin is not without side effects, including gastro-intestinal inflammation and bleeding. Many patients need to take their aspirins in a coated form, so as to reduce stomach irritation. The standard anti-heart attack dose of aspirin (75 milligrams) is available in an enteric version, Nu-seals.

As a rule, keep drugs cool

As the temperatures have soared, patients have been reading the small print on their packets of pills and bottles of medicine to check that they won't have been ruined by not being kept at under 25-30 degrees centigrade.

Although drugs should be kept cool, all have been tested at high temperatures, and with a few exceptions a week or two's heatwave will not do any appreciable damage. Nor will a slow delivery in a stuffy van from the manufacturer to the chemist.

Most drugs are tested to have a shelf-life of five years, and only if they were kept at temperatures above 25-30 degrees centigrade for long periods of time would they degrade faster than expected.

Pharmacists keep some drugs, including liquid antibiotics, insulin and vaccines, in cool, dark surroundings. These products are always transported in a cool van. One drug, glyceryl trinitrate, used to treat angina, loses its effectiveness within days when carried in a pocket.

The standard doctors' advice to patients to keep medicines out of the way of children and in the dark and cool remains good. The refrigerator is ideal, but medicines should not be put in the ice box.

However, those who need to collect a prescription during the heatwave don't need to bankrupt themselves by taking a taxi home. Similarly, most drugs will survive for their full five years, even if this includes a few hot Augusts.

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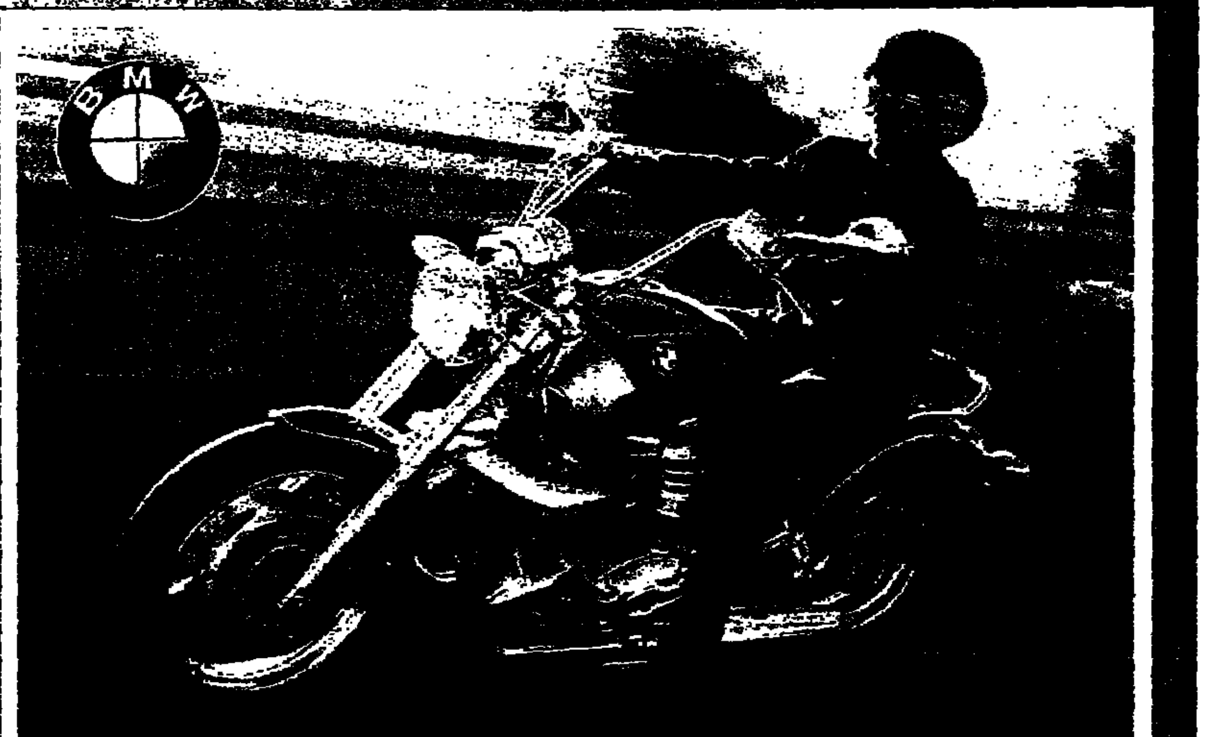

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A meeting of strangers

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Peter Snow with Matthieu, the result of a holiday romance

Martin Amis and Delilah Seale: "When Delilah walked into the room I felt an immediate intimacy with her, although we were strangers, and that was wonderful"

Peter Snow is thrilled at discovering his "lost" son. **Jason Cowley** talks to Martin Amis who met his daughter last year, while **Bill Frost** reports on new-found relationships that do not always work out

For many thousands of men, the revelation that Peter Snow has a 33-year-old son of whom he was unaware until last month has a troubling resonance: who, at some time, has not wondered if, in a distant, blurry affair, they might have fathered a "lost" child? Matthieu, a French merchant banker, was the result of a brief holiday romance between Snow and a young Parisian journalist, Sabine, aboard a Nile cruiser. Sabine married a year after returning to Paris and chose not to tell Matthieu the truth of his origins, or Snow about his son.

The story finds an echo in the experience of Martin Amis who, two summers ago, received a letter from the journalist Patrick Seale saying that Amis was the real father of his daughter, Delilah Seale, an undergraduate at Oxford University. Amis, 48, took the letter seriously: he had an affair in the mid-1970s with Seale's wife, the novelist Lamorna Heath, who was estranged from her husband at the time and who later committed suicide at the age of 27. The affair was intense but brief; Lamorna eventually returned to her husband and Amis married Antonia Phillips with whom he had two sons, Jacob and Louis.

The affair might easily have been dismissed as youthful abandon were it not for the fact that, nine months after its end, Lamorna had a daughter, who strikingly resembled Amis, but who Seale claimed as his own.

Delilah, 21, grew up believing that Seale was her father, but Amis told me that he always "subconsciously knew" that she was his daughter. His fiction is full of lost children, misplaced babies and disturbed teenagers — the unhappy victims of what he calls in *Money* "paternity or maternity mix-ups".

A year after her birth, he and Lamorna had a private meeting at which Amis was told of Delilah's resemblance to him; she later sent him a photograph of the child, showing her with fine blonde hair and a high Amis-like forehead. Both Seale and Lamorna were dark.

'She would come up in my mind from time to time'

Amis says: "When all this stuff hit the papers last year, the novelist Maureen Freely wrote a piece suggesting that Delilah must have been in my subconscious all along because so many of my books have dealt with the theme of lost children. I was struck by the truth of that observation: she *was* in the back of my mind, although I never knew it. When she was born I remember having fantasies of following her pram around, or something like that."

Why did he never attempt to make contact with Delilah? "Well, I sort of knew that she was my daughter, but couldn't be sure." He pauses, lights a cigarette. "Her mother gave me a photograph of the child, and I decided to show it to my mother [Lady Kilmarnock]. I said 'What do you think?' And she looked and said 'She's definitely your daughter.' So I said 'What shall I do about it?' And she said 'You can't do anything about it. It's not your place to intervene.'

"Every now and then I would think about her, and wonder what she was up to, how she was getting on. But, in truth, it was in my subconscious that I was worrying about her." He self-consciously switches to the second person: "And exactly where your worries come out is in your novels. As a writer, you can't get away from your preoccupations." Curiously, he never once uses Lamorna's name, referring to her simply as "her mother."

In the years of his separation from Delilah, did her absence become almost like a shadow presence? "No, it wasn't that insistent," he explains. "I mean, she would come up in my mind from time to time, and I did mention her to Isabel [Fonseca, his partner and mother of his baby daughter, Fernanda]; but the boys didn't know about her. I eventually told them last year. I'm glad I did — because a few weeks later it was all over the papers."

But Delilah was not told about Amis until she was 18 and only then after she had gained a place at Oxford.

"When my father Patrick Seale took me out to dinner to celebrate my exam results I had no idea what he was going to reveal to me," she said. "Of course, I was shocked and felt very emotional, confused and bewildered. My first thought was: 'Where does this leave me? Am I still a part of the family I love?' Patrick had loved me and cared for me since I was born and my world revolved around him and my brother Orlando. The three of us had always been close and I needed to know that this would continue.

"I have never been angry or resentful with Martin. I never thought he abandoned me or anything like that. I had a great family already and I think he was right to leave things as they were."

Amis met Delilah for the first time over dinner in central London. "I was going to meet a complete stranger who was also my intimate and that made me very nervous," he recalled last year. "But when Delilah walked into the room I felt an immediate intimacy with her, although we were strangers, and that was wonderful.

"We got on well throughout the evening and, at the end of it, I had to fight down the urge to tell her to work hard and concentrate on her studies."

The past two years of Amis's life have been defined by trauma. There was the painfully public break-up of his marriage to Phillips; the farrago over his pursuit of a £500,000 publishing advance; the operation on his teeth for which he was remorselessly derided; the death of his father, Kingsley Amis; and the discovery of Delilah. All this and what he calls a "cataclysmic mid-life crisis", too.

He feels that he is over the worst, that his terror of death, which was at the root of his problems, is more controlled. "During a mid-life crisis you feel stupefied," he says, solemnly. "You are living in a land you no longer recognise. You don't know the language anymore. You feel lost. Women have a biological change; men don't. It's a pity because the whole thing might be understood more if they did. A mid-life crisis is really about reaching an accommodation with death."

Being with Delilah has brought him great joy. They have forged what he calls a marvellous intimacy. "I see her all the time. She has just done her finals in history at Oxford." He begins to laugh. "Listen to this: she tells me that she read *The Rachel Papers* when she was 13. I expressed surprise that she had read it so young. But she said: 'Oh, everyone reads it then, not when they're 19.' It's amazing how precocity, like technology, expands exponentially."

What is most astonishing about Amis's discovery of his lost daughter is that the clues to her existence were scattered throughout his work. As long ago as 1983 he could write, as he did in *Money*: "Should you ever find yourself in a paternity or maternity mix-up, should you ever have a child who isn't really his or isn't really hers, tell the kid ... (For) how can you live seriously if you don't know who you are?" So Amis, unlike Snow who was oblivious to his illegitimate son, was already mourning her absence if only he had known it.

'Where have you been all my life?'

Not all new-found relationships have happy endings like that of Peter Snow. The list of reluctant celebrity dads reads like a Who's Who of stage, screen and pop music. If abandoned mothers are to be believed, the Sixties rock stars Jimi Hendrix and Jim Morrison were as irresponsible as they were fertile.

Even now wannabe children emerge from the woodwork, most recently a young man claiming to be the son of Paul McCartney. There are exceptions to the rule — Paula Yates is determined to disprove tabloid allegations that she is "the love child" of Hughie Green, the late game show host.

In the real world though, the most common reactions to *that* phone call or letter are at first shock, then anger and disbelief, and hard on their heels, panic and denial. Although most men want to be fathers, they see parenthood on their own planned terms; a brief dalliance during a cruise down the Nile or a coupling on the Costa del Sol is simply fun without responsibility.

Dale, a television cameraman, was told a few months ago that he had fathered a son 13 years ago during an affair with a waitress in Camden Town, North London. His marriage had been "on the rocks" at the time and Jan, the child's mother, was "very sad after breaking up with a longtime boyfriend". Theirs was a relationship of mutual convenience, he thought. "We both needed someone — we were both lonely and unhappy — I assumed she was taking precautions," Dale says.

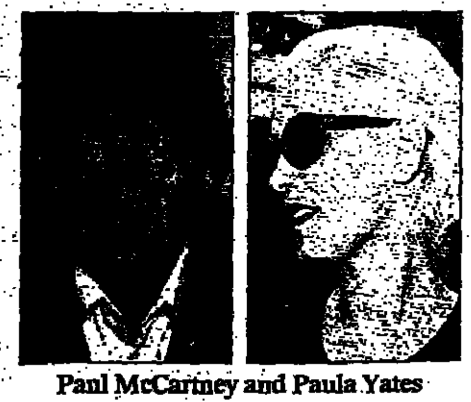
"The telephone rang one day back in March and it was Jan — to tell you the truth, at first I did not know who she was, I had forgotten that period in my life ... that was a time I wanted to bury.

"She told me I had a teenage son and that she had called him Bobby. She said it was about time I met him and started taking responsibility 'for once in my life'."

At the time, Dale's relationship with his ex-wife had "been mended" and Joe, the couple's son by marriage, was his "pride and joy". The call from Jan was to mark a break with the son he knew and the terminal decline of his attempts to heal the rift with the boy's mother.

"I was so confused about the news that I told my former wife. Because we were getting on so much better, I valued her advice. She went ballistic — the affair with Jan took place while we were still married. She told me that I was never to call the house again and I couldn't see Joe anymore. If I tried to meet my son she would tell him that 'Daddy didn't love him anymore and wanted to hurt him'.

"I arranged a meeting with Bobby. Little did I realise that he had been poisoned against the dad he never knew." Dale's first meeting with Bobby at London Zoo was a nightmare, he says. "There was this truculent kid standing at the entrance with a scowl on his face. His mother told me he would be wearing a black bomber jacket and baseball cap — she never warned me about what was happening inside his head."



Paul McCartney and Paula Yates

Bobby's first words to the father he had never met were both cruel and damning. "He said: 'Where have you been all my life ...' and then 'have you got any cash on you?' I had wanted to put my arms around him and say sorry as best I could — after that greeting I just felt lost."

Father and resentful son met half a dozen times before Bobby told Dale that he "hated and despised" him. The boy said he could see why his mother had spoken so badly of her former lover. "I won't see him again; more to the point he won't see me. I spoke to Jan and offered money but she refused. In June I got a letter from the Child Support Agency — I suppose I must have hurt her very much."

Dale's experience has a tragically familiar ring for Dr Dorothy Rowe, a psychologist specialising in the problems thrown up by such intimate but damaging relationships. "It is terribly important for all of us to know where we came from, to have a sense of our own history, a story with a beginning, a middle and an end. It is such a great shock for a child to discover a previously unknown parent — that child feels betrayed, feels like a fool.

"A lot of those kids grow up with a great sense of resentment and a desire for revenge against the missing parent or the parent they live with. They may leave the mother to live with the father and then go back to the mother."

The unsettling effect ripples through the father's acknowledged family too, sometimes with disastrous effects. "Imagine being told you have a brother or sister you never met — no matter how mature and well-balanced you are, that can cause intense jealousy and insecurity. We like our family pattern to be fixed and permanent. The arrival of a newcomer throws everything into doubt for the children and their mother."

Why though would the mother of a child wait so long before approaching the natural father? "Perhaps she feels it is her duty to give that child a sense of his or her own history — that certainly is the most common reason.

"As to why she never told the man when she knew she was pregnant, that is the more interesting question. Perhaps she didn't want anyone else making claims on the child, perhaps she regretted that moment of passion, perhaps she was worried about other pressures on her and her partner." For example, a lot of parents might react badly if the father of their granddaughter was a different race or colour, says Dr Rowe. While they might forgive the baby, the adult could suffer cruelly.

Possibly apocryphal, there is the story of a prominent London society figure, brought up by his mother, who spent years seeking out his real father. After discovering the man's home number at long last, he telephoned him. "I am your son," he said. The man replied with a question: "What colour are you?"

Dale does not like the story — fatherhood is no laughing matter, he says. "Okay, so I have been a bit irresponsible in the past, but now I have lost everything. If Jan had told me about Bobby before now I would have looked after him and if I hadn't told my ex-wife about him I could still be seeing Joe.

"That telephone call ruined my life. I pray no one else is ever put in the same position."

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Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn denounces double standards in international morality — from Britain's bombing of Dresden to the tragedy in Yugoslavia

The march of the hypocrites

In the Computer Age we still live by the law of the Stone Age: the man with the bigger club is *right. But we pretend this isn't so.* We don't notice or even suspect it — why, surely our morality progresses together with our civilisation. *Professional politicians,* meanwhile, have deftly covered certain vices with a civilised veneer. In the 20th century we *have* enriched *ourselves* with *innova*tions in the field of hypocrisy. We find ever more ingenious ways to apply double (triple? quadruple?) standards.

The bloody Yugoslav tragedy has unfolded before our eyes (and is it over yet?). To be sure, *blame for it* lies with the Communist coterie of Josip Broz Tito, which imposed an arbitrary pattern of internal borders upon the country, trampling on ethnic common sense, and even relocating ethnic masses by force. Yet *blame* lies also *with* the venerable community of Western leaders, who — with an angelic *naïveté — took those false borders* seriously, and then hastened at a moment's notice, in a day or two, to recognise the independence of several breakaway republics whose political formation they apparently found to be advantageous. It was *these leaders, then,* who nudged Yugoslavia toward many gruelling years of civil war; and their *position, declared as neutral,* was by no means such.

Yugoslavia, with its seven estranged peoples, was *told to fall* apart as soon as possible. But Bosnia, with its three estranged peoples and vivid memories of Hitlerite Croatians slaughtering up to a million Serbs, had to remain united at all costs — the particular insistence of the United States Government. Who can explain the *disparity of such an approach?*

Another example: the Trans-Dnestr Republic and Abkhazia were deemed illegitimate simply because *they* were "self-proclaimed". But which of the CIS countries was not "self-proclaimed"? *Kazakhstan? Ukraine?* They were immediately and unconditionally recognised as legitimate, even democratic (and the "Ukrainian Popular Self-Defence" Brownshirts continue to march about freely, torches and all). Did not the United States *also* "self-proclaim" their independence? Meanwhile, the Kurds are not allowed even to *self-proclaim.* When they are not being squashed by Iraq, with the tacit consent of the United States, then they are being smashed by Nato member Turkey even on non-Turkish territory, while the whole civilised world looks on with utter *indifference. Are the Kurds a* "superfluous nation" on this earth?

Or take the Crimea and the port city of *Sevastopol. Any sober mind on either side would at least agree* that the Crimean question is very complex, whereas Ukraine's claim to Sevastopol has no legal base. Yet *the US State Department, choosing* not to trouble itself with the history of the matter, has continued to assert authoritatively, for six years *running, that both the Crimea and* Sevastopol are unequivocally the property of Ukraine, end of discussion. Would it presume to speak so categorically on, *say, the future of* Northern Ireland?

Still another accomplishment of political hypocrisy is apparent in the way in which we conduct "war crimes tribunals". Wars, for thousands of years, have always been aggravated on both sides by crimes and injustices. In *hopes that a just reason might* prevail, in order to make sense of war and to punish evil passions and evil deeds. Russia proposed The Hague Convention of 1899.

Yet no sooner did the first war crimes trial take place — the Nazis at Nuremberg — *than we saw,* elevated high upon the judges' bench, the unblemished adminis*trators of a justice system that* during those same years handed over to torture, execution and untimely death tens of millions of *innocent lives in its own country.*

And if we continue to differentiate between the always inevitable deaths of soldiers at war and the *mass killings of undoubtedly* peaceful citizens, then by what name shall we call those who, in a matter of minutes, burnt to death 140,000 *civilians at Hiroshima* alone — justifying the act with the astounding words, "to save the lives of our soldiers"? That President *and his entourage were never* subjected to trial, and they are remembered as worthy victors. And how shall we name those who, with victory fully in hand, dispatched a two-day wave of fighter bombers to reduce to ashes beautiful Dresden, a civilian city teeming with refugees? The death toll was not far below Hiroshima, and two *orders of magnitude greater than at* Coventry. The Coventry bombing, however, was condemned in trial, while the *Air Marshal* who directed the bombing of Dresden was not only spared the brand of "war criminal", but towers over the British capital in a *monument*, as a national hero.

In an age marked by such a *flourishing of jurisprudence,* we ought to see clearly that a well-considered international law is a law which justly punishes crimi*nals irrespective — irrespective —* of their side's victory or defeat. No such law has yet been created, found a firm footing, or been *universally recognised.* It follows, then, that The Hague tribunal still lacks sufficient legal authority with respect to its accused and might on *occasion lack impartiality. If so, its* verdicts would constitute reprisal, not justice. For all the numerous corpses of civilians uncovered in *Bosnia, from all the* warring parties, no suspects seem to have been found from the safeguarded *Muslim side.* Finally we might mention this remarkable tactic: The Hague tribunal now hands down indictments *in secret,* not announcing them publicly. *Somewhere,* the accused is summoned on a civil matter, and immediately captured — a *method beyond even the* Inquisition, more worthy of barbarians, *circa* 3,000 BC.

Perusing the world map, we find many examples of today's hypocritical double standard. Here is but one more. In the Euro-American expanse, all sorts of integration and partnership are cultivated and nurtured, stretching over lands on *the periphery of this space,* like Ukraine, willing, even to incorporate faraway Central Asia. At the same time, *all sorts of political interference and economic* pressure are vigilantly applied in order to derail the very plan of a rapprochement between Belarus and Russia.

And what of Nato expansion? Which, by the way, adds allies who surely will remain apathetic and useless *vis-à-vis* the Alliance's glob*al, non-European aims. It is* either the traditional Cold War hypnosis, impairing one's ability to see the powerlessness of Russia, beset by internal troubles. Or, *on the* contrary, it is extreme far-sightedness on the part of Nato's leaders. Should the high-tariff strangling of Russian exports (except for coercively cheap natural resource exports) prove insufficient: should the *implacable* diktat of Russian internal policy (bundled with loans that only enfeeble) prove insufficient as well; *there will now be,* in reserve, the "neutralisation" of Russia into a comatose state.

I have not the means to guess whether Russia's current leaders understand this. Most likely they do not: witness their own clumsy participation in that elegant new phenomenon of the "peacekeeping forces" in Bosnia or Tajikistan; or *their confused,* lost policies regarding the CIS countries, or their doomed attempts to hold on to Chechnya, with reckless *disregard for the human cost;* witness, finally, their blind inability to find a reasonable and just solution to the controversy over the Kuril Islands.

They see themselves *at the helm of the ship* of Russian history, but they are not. They do not direct the course of events.

As *for those* who do, their plans to establish a "final worldwide security" are ephemeral as well. Given human *nature* we *ought never* to attain such security. It would be futile, at the very least, to march towards this goal armed with hypocrisy and *scheming short-term* calculations, as practised by a revolving door of officials and by the powerful financial circles that back them. *Nor can security* be bought with any new technical "superinvention" — for no secret lasts. Only if the creative and *active forces of mankind* dedicate themselves to finding gradual and effective restraints against the evil facets of human *nature* to an elevation of our moral consciousness — only then will a faint, distant hope exist. *To embark upon this path,* and to walk it, requires a penitent, pure heart and the wisdom and willingness to place *constraints on one's own side,* to limit oneself even before limiting others. But today that path only elicits an *ironic chuckle, if not open* ridicule.

If so, don't bother calling for "world security".

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Mother of all mothers

Daniel Johnson on the Virgin, the Pope and the petition

On long car journeys my family sometimes listens to a tape of *Pope John Paul II reciting the* Rosary in Latin. Central to this long sequence of prayers is the *Hail Mary.* We often joke that this papal litany is an infallible method of getting fractious children in the back seat to *doze off. Ave Maria, gratia plena. Dominus tecum*... But the incantatory beauty of these syllables — uttered countless times since the 11th century and now reiterated in a gravelly Polish *basso profundo — speak to the child in* each and every one of us. We all have had mothers, and Mary is the *mother of all mothers.*

It is reported that some four million Roman Catholics, including Mother Teresa, are *petitioning the Pope to sanc*tion the elevation of the Blessed Virgin to "Co-Redemptrix" with *her Son. I* cannot see a need further to exalt the status of Our Lady, whom not only Roman Catho*lics but many other Christians* already venerate as "Mother of God". But I am not shocked by *Marian piety* — provided that nobody misunderstands "co-redeemer" to mean that the Holy Trinity was really a quartet. That would be heresy.

Some Protestants have always accused Catholics of *Mariolatry. This is to confuse* worship with intercession. Worse are the Catholics guilty *of this when they should know* better. When a Filipino priest told our congregation that Mary could deliver anything we prayed for, he risked just such confusion. But the petitioners' demand that Mary be recognised as the "Mediatrix of All Graces and Advocate of the People of God" does not contradict Catholic doctrine.

Precisely because she is not divine but human, Mary *seems more approachable* than Christ Himself. If Our Lord brings salvation to man*kind, it is* Our Lady who comforts us in our troubles. This warm, familiar quality appeals especially to our inhospitable modern world. The great Marian shrines — Walsingham, Guadalupe, Fa*tima,* Lourdes, and now Medjugorje — have replaced those of other saints as the principal places of pilgrimage. The two doctrines that define *modern Mariology — the Im*maculate Conception and the Assumption — are ancient traditions but were declared articles of faith only in the past 150 years. They are of far greater significance than the *question of co-redemption,* which would be merely a refinement of doctrine.

Papal infallibility does not give John Paul II a free hand to alter the established teachings of his predecessors and *the ecumenical councils. On* the contrary: he is bound not to anticipate the evolving consensus of the Church. In Vatican circles most doubt that he is preparing a new Millennial Marian dogma.

Yet the Pope does see Mary as fundamental to the survival of the Church in a secular age, hostile to the family and dominated by extremes of *materialism and feminism.* His devotion to Our Lady is well-known, though little un*derstood in Protestant Britain.*

One can interpret Wojtyla's devotion psychologically. He lost his mother very young; his father, a professional soldier, was deeply pious. Polish servicemen are particularly de*voted to the Virgin, and the* Black Madonna of Czestochowa has long been a patriotic as well as a religious symbol. As a Polish intellectual, Wojtyla was lucky to survive the Nazi occupation, working in a labour camp while secretly training to be a priest. Scarcely less grim was the Communist era. Is it any wonder that the Church became his family and Mary his mother?

But one *cannot reduce reli*gion to psychology. The Madonna is the Christian image *of what Goethe meant by* "the eternal feminine". Amid so much *odium theologicum, let us not forget Mary herself:* that extraordinary Jewish maiden, who responded to the Annunciation with sublime words of humility: "My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my saviour." *She at least knew* her place in the divine order.

Europe's President in waiting

Britain has a prime candidate for the EU's unlikeliest appointment

Jack Lang is no longer the figure he once was in French politics. There was a time when, as Minister for Culture under *Mitterrand, he was the cover* picture on news magazines, typifying Socialist triumphalism in the arts. Now he has been left out of Lionel Jospin's adminstration, probably wisely, and resents it. He has *found a perch as president of* the foreign affairs committee of the French Assembly, normally a position of more influence than power. Nevertheless, he still has the aura which politicians who were *once big figures sometimes* retain; no one is quite sure that the volcano is entirely extinct.

On Monday *the volcano* emitted a suspicious cloud of sulphur. Jack Lang disturbed the quiet of August in Paris by *publishing* a "point of view" article in *Le Monde.* It was headed: "Je ne voterai pas le traité d'Amsterdam." Admittedly this bold statement was almost immediately qualified: he will not vote for the *Treaty of Amsterdam* in its present form. Like all experienced politicians, he leaves himself an exit. He does, however, claim to have allies, *at least in other parliaments* of the European Union.

M Lang finds the Treaty of Amsterdam unacceptable because it does not go far enough. He accuses the treaty of abandoning the European ambition. "In contrast to an America which is vigorous, creative and conquering, Europe offers a spectacle of inertia." He fears the very thing which many British Eurosceptics hope — that Amsterdam will lead to "the triumph of the ultra-liberal *Europe of Madame Thatcher* over the Europe of the will". This phrase, "L'europe de la *volonté", has an unpleasant* ring to it: it reminds one of Leni Riefenstahl's *The Triumph of the Will,* the film which celebrated the Nuremberg rally.

Eurosceptics will get little comfort from the article as a whole. Although Lang holds out an ultra-liberal Thatcherite Europe as a bogey for the French, he is much more convincing when he writes about the actual *achievements of the Euro*federalists. "With entry to the euro, more than half the road towards the *United States of* Europe will have been traversed. Four European institutions will, in effect, have been *given a status which is federal* or quasi-federal: the Central Bank, the Court of Justice, the Commission and, in part, the European Parliament." This is the truth, and apart from the democratic fig leaf of the *European Parliament,* the weakest of these four institutions, they are appointed and *bureaucratic, not democratic,* bodies.

Jack Lang wants to create a European federal govern*ment, "a true executive".* In order to develop such a new constitution for Europe, he *would first like to see the* appointment of a person "chosen by common accord" — whatever that may mean — to *undertake informal contacts,* "far from the cameras"; this person would create "the basis of a new construction". He then wants, as a second stage, a *European constitu*tional convention, "composed of the delegates of the people, of the states, and of economic and social organisations".

William Rees-Mogg

These proposals are far from being an open democratic approach to a new European constitution. "M Europe", will, it seems, be chosen by a mysterious process and operate by mysterious means. There has already been too much secrecy about the building of Europe and it has created mistrust. It sounds *very well to talk about negoti*ating a European constitution "far from the cameras", *because television is a suspect* medium, but it means that the negotiations will also be far from the people. A convention where "economic and social organisations" play a significant role sounds rather like Mussolini's Fascist Grand Council.

This article shows the gap that exists between British and French opinion. We do, of course, have our own Eurofederalists who want a United States of Europe, though only a minority of them admit it. *Many of them might support* the idea of a European constitutional convention, yet a secret negotiation, followed by a less than fully representative convention, would be unacceptable even to most of them. These issues are far too important to be debated "discreetly and informally", rather than *democratically* and publicly.

Jack Lang compares his proposed convention to the late 18th-century *Convention* of Philadelphia, which created the Constitution of the United *States. The American Consti*tution is much more democratic than anything Europe yet *has. The European* constitution, as it has emerged so far, is largely bureaucratic. In the *United States,* the President is elected by all the people; the European Union has no President, but the President of the *Commission* is appointed by the governments. Both the *United* States and Europe have an appointed Supreme Court and Central Bank: these are non-democratic bodies of extensive political powers. Europe has a Parliament of limited powers, whose mem*bership is largely determined* by the less than democratic party list system. The United States has a much more powerful Congress, of two houses whose membership is ultimately determined by the fully democratic system of party primaries.

The *people of Europe* cannot dismiss the Government of the *European Union;* the American people can and regularly do dismiss their Presi*dents, and change control of* either or both Houses of Congress. Even on the most *important matters,* such as the transfer of powers from the democratic national govern*ments to the European Union, it is not customary to consult* the European people. Only three of the countries of the EU — France, Denmark and Ireland — had a popular referendum on the *Maastricht* treaty. The refusal of a British referendum on Maastricht was an *insult to democracy,* for which the old Conservative Government and the Labour Opposition shared responsibility.

In his important pamphlet on *The Creation and Destruction of EMU,* Walter Eltis quotes Bismarck's view of universal suffrage as "government of a house by its nursery. But you can do anything with children." After 1945, under strong American influence, the individual nations of the *new* Europe *rebuilt their* constitutions on democratic principles. Democracy replaced Fascism in Italy, the Vichy Government in France, the Nazi regime in Germany and eventually the Franco regime in Spain. All 15 members of the European Union, as individual nations, are democracies. But the European Union *itself* is not; it has been bureaucratic from the beginning, and it has not become *significantly* less bureaucratic as time has passed.

In the unlikely event that Europe decided to have an elected President, to redress the democratic deficit, who might it be? Not a German, the first time — Chancellor Kohl is too old *and the* voters would fear German power; not a man of the Right — European politics is *still* swinging towards centrist Social Democrats; able to speak good English, the first language of *one section of the* electorate, and the second language in the other nations; *fluent in* at least one other major language, preferably French; bridging the Catholic-Protestant divide, while appealing to Christian voters in all countries; under 50, to represent the Europe of youth; with charismatic electioneering skills and a strong power base at home. Whose face *swims up as the most likely to* be the first elected President of the European Union if Jack Lang *ever gets his European* Philadelphia? None other than that of Britain's favourite son, our own, our very own, George Washington Blair. Might that not be yet another triumph for the dreaded Anglo Saxons?

Fast Lady

THE macho world of powerboat racing is in a spin. Fiona Countess of Arran is to come out of retirement for this weekend's world cup at *Cowes. She is 79. Lady Arran* once drove offshore powerboats so fast that onlookers would remark that they appeared to be flying. She set a string of records, including being the first woman to maintain a speed of 100mph for the length of Windermere.

Lady Arran: water sport

Lady Arran hung up her lifejacket almost a decade ago and in recent years has been fighting Parkinson's disease. However, she *tired of sitting watching* the wallabies trim the verges at her Hertfordshire home and wanted to see some action again. Accompanied only by a *navigator,* she will take the wheel of her boat, *Hopscorch,* at the National Express Cowes Classic. Depending on *how she feels,* she will compete in either a 60-mile circuit of the Isle of Wight, or the 36-mile and 90-mile races that *comprise* the Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat World Cup.

"I got so bored with doing nothing I thought I would go boat racing again. It's a bit of enjoyment," she breezes. "It would be nice if it's calm and flat. I've seen a *bit of rough* and been turned over once or twice. The nice thing about the sea is that anything can happen."

Lady Arran, who took her son, the Earl of Arran, and his family for a very wet practice run the other day, *seems to have a slightly* different concept of speed from other people. "Oh we won't be going very fast at all, just 50 miles *per hour.*"

THE TIMES DIARY

New image

LATEST to join the ranks of British magazine editors is snapper-by-royal-appointment, the Earl of Snowdon, who has been asked to edit an edition of *Country Life* in *November. "It's terribly exciting,"* says Snowdon, who has already drawn up dummy proofs in the office at his West London home. "I've been told to stay within a budget, but otherwise I can do whatever I like. I've always had a soft spot for *Country Life since* they published one of my photographs in 1951." Regular readers should brace themselves for an editorial shake-up. *"It will just be one delicious sur*prise," he says.

Cover story

AS swarms of Oasis fans get over-excited about the band's new album released today, Pringle-clad members of a country club in Hertfordshire are bracing themselves *for an invasion.* The cover of *Be Here Now* features Stocks Hotel, in Aldbury, near Tring, which used to *be a rockers' hangout* when it was owned by the *Playboy* tycoon Victor Lownes. Now it is home to corporate conferences, and lots of hairy Oasis fans will be welcome only if they are prepared to pay £120 a night for a room. "We are very jeal*ous of our privacy here,"* says Stocks's chairman Neil List. Neverthless, the hotel is planning to market the bedroom where Liam and Patsy stayed in a similar way to the four-poster honeymoon suite at the Crown Hotel, in Amersham. It was there that Hugh Grant and Andie MacDowell took a tumble in *Four Weddings and a Funeral. The room is booked up for years* ahead.

"You spoil that dog"

● *August has brought no respite from humiliation for Michael Howard, the Shadow Foreign Secretary. In June he had to contend with the criticisms of Ann Widdecombe, the former Prisons Minister, who accused him of having "something of the night" in his personality. Beleaguering him this month is Florence Amess, aged five, daughter of the Tory MP David Amess. When Widdecombe presented her with a black labrador puppy this week, she declared to her father's delight: "I'm going to call it Michael."*

Mail shot

ROSS BENSON, who is parting company with *The Express* after 24 years, is understood to be on the verge of signing up with the paper's arch rival, the *Daily Mail.* Insiders are saying that his new job as a feature writer will be rather less exciting than the roving role he latterly enjoyed at *The Express.* Certainly it will be less glamorous than running the Diary, which he did for many years. Most interesting to watch will be the relationship between the magnificently coiffeured Benson and balding Nigel Dempster, with whom he had many spats in print when the two were rival diarists. "I will treat him with kid gloves and welcome him with a caviare and lobster lunch," says Dempster. "He is no longer a rival."

● *There is an endearing realism about the cast of George Bernard Shaw's comedy* Misalliance, *which opened on Tuesday night at the Chichester Festival Theatre. Playing Hypatia, the daughter of a Leeds underwear manufacturer, is Harriet Woolliff. Her credentials! She is the daughter of Stanley Woolliff, also a Leeds underwear manufacturer. "The link never occurred to me until I had got the role and Dad painted it out," Harriet says.*

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ARAFAT'S TWO FACES

The weak politician and the covert warrior

Israel's already stormy political horizon darkened dramatically yesterday. Israel retaliated against Hezbollah rocket barrages on Galilee with its biggest air strike on Lebanon in 16 months, cutting electricity to Sidon and putting the 1996 accord that ended Israel's last Lebanon offensive to its toughest test to date. In Gaza, it was Yassir Arafat who turned up the political pressure, by embracing leaders of Hamas and Islamic Jihad in a "national unity meeting".

The difference between these two incidents is that while Israel insists that it acted only under extreme provocation and that its aim is to return peace to the Lebanese frontier, Mr Arafat's action was calculated to inflame. It would have been so at any time, but in the wake of the lethal suicide bomb attacks in Jerusalem's Mahane Yehuda marketplace, the Palestinian leader has been under intense and wholly legitimate pressure to denounce terrorist activity.

The question is why this master of gesture politics has chosen instead to recall the intifada years and declare, before such an audience, that "all options are open". Mr Arafat's spokesman denied that this was a call for violence, only a declaration that Palestinians must confront Israel "in whatever way they could". The implied distinction will be undetectable to most Palestinians, and invisible to most Israelis.

One possible explanation is that Mr Arafat senses that a public act of defiance is necessary for political survival, so steeply has popular support for him been declining among Palestinians; and even that it is the more necessary because in practice, he sees no alternative to tighter co-operation with Israel and America on security matters. This was, in other words, a bit of tactical weaving by a weak politician, under fire both for his administration's corruption and human rights abuses and for the miserable failure of the halting negotiations with Israel to improve Palestinians' lives.

Mr Arafat was, on this reading, politically on the ropes before the Jerusalem bomb, standing accused by his own people of maladministration and cronyism so flagrant that nearly half the Palestinian Authority budget had disappeared into the pockets of an exploitative few. Israel's iron response to the bombings gave him an opportunity to deflect the blame, and he has seized it.

The other possibility is, of course, that while Mr Arafat insists that he will not tolerate lawlessness any more than he will bend under Israeli pressure, he remains ambivalent about the legitimacy of the "armed struggle" that Israelis live with as terrorism. Four years after he and Yitzhak Rabin shook hands at the White House, he has still not dispelled that element of doubt.

His police took a tough stance at one point against Hamas terrorists, but some of those convicted escaped jail with suspicious ease and over a hundred have been released. If, today, he rejects Binyamin Netanyahu's angry demand that he arrest known extremists, "collect their guns and dismantle their bomb factories" and vows to stand by "our brethren", it is not clear whether he does so because he dares not act or because he still sees the bomb as a weapon of diplomacy. That is what Israel now has to test.

Reading Mr Arafat's lips has always been less rewarding than watching his feet. If his officials, however quietly, set to work within the trilateral security framework with Israel and America recently drawn up by the US special envoy, Dennis Ross, Israel should then address some genuine Palestinian grievances. Joblessness ranks high among these: a good reason for Mr Netanyahu to reopen the borders to Palestinian workers as soon as Israeli Intelligence judges it safe. He should immediately render to the Palestinian Authority $46 million in tax revenues legally owed by Israel. This was an unwise retaliatory measure which gives credence to Palestinian claims to be the victims of "collective punishment". Mr Arafat's rhetoric will harden Israel against concessions; but it is in Israel's interests to lower the misery index which has helped Hamas to raise its level of support in the West Bank and Gaza to a deeply troubling 25 per cent.

BOOMERS AND BUSTERS

Today's toddlers may bear the biggest pension burden of all

When the 1947 baby boom caught planners by surprise, prefabricated classrooms had to house the extra 100,000 infants, the equivalent of an additional class in every single school. The second baby boom — from 1961 to 1971 — happened more gradually, allowing educationists to cope. But are policymakers thinking hard enough about the longer-term future of these people? A new study, *Baby Boomers: Ageing in the 21st Century*, from Age Concern, predicts that retirement for today's twenty to thirtysomethings could be precarious unless they start planning for it now.

For their parents' generation, life was comparatively secure. Though born into an age of austerity, during and after the War, they could look forward to high employment and lifetime jobs with predictable promotions. The nurturing embrace of the cradle-to-grave welfare state protected them against the vicissitudes of life. In old age, they were likely to have both a spouse and children to help to care for them.

People born in the 1960s, while they were reared in an age of prosperity, entered the labour market at a time of recession. Technological change and global competition have only made employment more insecure. No longer are there jobs for life, and neither the employer nor the State is likely to take on a paternalistic role.

If members of this generation have to fend for themselves at work, they are also increasingly likely to have to do so at home. A higher proportion will remain single or, if married, will divorce. Many fewer will have children, and those who do will have fewer children. Of today's old and infirm people, 93 per cent seek help from relatives. But when the baby boomers become old and frail, their daughters (for women tend to take on the responsibility) are more likely to be working full-time and unable to help.

Altogether, there will be a much higher number of retired people compared with the working population expected to support them, not just because of the 1960s boom in births, but because of the relatively small size of succeeding generations. By 2020, there will be six people over retirement age for every ten of working age: in 1991, the ratio was just three to ten. That suggests not just fewer carers, but fewer taxpayers willing to fund the greater demands on the NHS and long-term care of the elderly.

The picture is not entirely bleak, for this baby-boom generation is more likely to have second pensions, either occupational or private, and own a house. They may be able to afford to pay for more care out of their own pockets. But they will also have experienced more fragmented employment than their parents, with greater emphasis on temporary, freelance and part-time work.

This will be a generation reared on high expectations and an awareness of consumer rights. By 2021, the proportion of the electorate that is retired will have risen from a quarter to a third. If they manage to capture the political agenda and achieve higher public spending on the old funded by taxes, it could be their children, the toddlers of today, who bear the biggest burden of all.

DEBT OF HONOUR

Montserrat deserves more than a gunboat and food parcels

The Government may have sent a gunboat to the Caribbean island of Montserrat but there is precious little else Palmerstonian about its response to the plight of British subjects there. For the thousands on Montserrat whose homes have been consumed by the volcanic eruption on the island the support from the Government responsible for their welfare has been feeble. The £41.5 million spent so far is a drop in the Atlantic Ocean.

The inhabitants of Montserrat do not even need to think back to Palmerston to feel aggrieved. Only 15 years ago a task force was dispatched and a Government's life hazarded to safeguard the future of the Falkland Islanders. Now, a different Government looks to the copybook headings, sends a ship but cannot give the guarantees its dependants need. One does not need to be an imperial romantic, simply a believer in plain dealing and the debt of honour, to find the Government's response inadequate.

The inhabitants of Montserrat are British dependants, the moral responsibility of ministers as much as the citizens of Burnley or Belfast. Indeed, our responsibility for their welfare is arguably greater given the unhappy British Nationality Act of 1981 which denied them, and the citizens of Hong Kong among others, the right freely to settle in the country which colonised them. The volcano which devastated the island earlier this year has left only an enclave at all habitable and rendered the island as a whole unviable. Even if individuals were inclined to stay in that quarter to the north that is deemed safe, the threat of future eruptions would make such a course foolhardy.

The only guarantee of security that the people of Montserrat can have is an assurance that their needs will be met on a neighbouring island without incurring the resentment of those kind enough to take them. Such an assurance will need to be underwritten by Britain. No such assurance has yet been given.

The Government is offering to evacuate all those who wish to leave. But, without a guarantee of a basic income or grant along the lines of the £30,000 or so per family requested by the Montserrat Chief Minister, many are understandably reluctant to go. What assurance do they have that when they are shipped to neighbouring Antigua or Barbuda they will not be left there without adequate support? These island nations are eager to assist but they do not have the resources to absorb thousands of refugees. Unless Britain is prepared to provide greater financial support to build homes, equip hospitals and help resettlement, then tension and poverty will replace volcanic eruption as the curse of Montserrat's people.

The planned pop concert in the spirit, though not on the scale, of Live Aid is a noble gesture. But Montserrat is not a foreign country fit for food parcels. It is British soil and British ministers should not need pop stars to shame them into doing their duty.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Appeal for policy rethink on coal

From the Director General of the Confederation of United Kingdom Coal Producers

Sir, The Energy Minister, John Battle, expressed regret today over the closure of RJB Mining's Asfordby pit (reports, August 19) — and promised that Government would act to support domestic producers. This is encouraging news indeed, and is the first indication of government support for our indigenous coal industry since their election.

Coal, together with nuclear power and gas, should be a cornerstone and equal partner in a policy which will ensure we make the best long-term use of all our energy resources. Our reserves of coal remain considerable compared with the currently abundant but short-term availability of gas. New gas finds will not be in the shallow waters around our coast, and therefore will be more expensive. By maintaining existing markets for coal, we have sufficient reserves to last for generations to come.

The EU forecasts that by the year 2020, the UK will be reliant on foreign suppliers for 48 per cent of its energy. Our gas will be supplied from the less politically stable countries of the former Soviet Union, the Middle East and North Africa.

To allow such a development is inconsistent with promoting an energy policy based on diversity, security and sustainability. It is not too late to stop the plug being pulled on Britain's coal industry and to make the changes necessary to ensure we make good use of our rich coal reserves within an integrated energy policy and environmental framework.

The technology exists and is being used in other countries to burn coal cleanly; a similar investment now in the UK will be an investment in the future of our children for whom energy resources will be an increasingly critical issue.

Yours faithfully,
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August 19.

From Mrs Pamela Ross

Sir, There are two factors which do not seem to have been taken into consideration in all the deliberations about the closure of Asfordby mine and the future of coal in Britain.

The first is the limit on the amount of coal which can be imported through British ports, which means that there will always be a minimum requirement for home-produced coal. The other is that it takes a considerable length of time to develop a coalmine — ten years or more. In the long term, when gas has run out, more coal will be needed. If the deep mines have been closed, there will be no experienced workforce or management available to produce it.

This Government needs a long-term energy policy which includes a place for the coal industry. This should be formulated as soon as possible to protect the country's coal reserves for our future needs.

Yours faithfully,
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Bank House, Market Place,
Cawood, Selby, North Yorkshire.
August 19.

A fair fare?

From Mr David Norris

Sir, Perhaps one incentive which Mrs C. M. Potter (letter, August 18) should take into account when assessing the value of public transport is safety. Trains are much safer than cars.

Perhaps the media should publish a weekly summary of casualties caused by travelling by rail, air, public road transport and private car, allowing us to appreciate the relative risks.

The premium paid is surely worth the safety of Mrs Potter's daughter and granddaughter.

Yours truly,
DAVID NORRIS,
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Wadhurst, East Sussex.
August 18.

From Dr D. H. Sharp

Sir, Mrs C. M. Potter makes the common but cardinal error of equating the cost of using her car with the minimum marginal cost — that of fuel used.

This marginal cost is about 9p per mile, which would cost for the return journey from Reading to Guildford — say 52 miles — about £4.70, which is indeed less than one third of her rail fare of £18.60.

In contrast, the total, real cost per mile, as assessed by a popular car magazine, ranges from about 33p for a Ford Escort to about 50p for a Saab 900. My district council allows me to claim 43.5p per mile, as a councillor, and this figure is approved by the district auditor. Thus the real cost of her journey would have been about £22.

Yours faithfully,
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August 18.

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Sweating it out as the dew falls and temperatures rise

From Mr Peter J. Camp

Sir, If the Meteorological Office wishes to produce a "comfort index" combining the effects of temperature and humidity (letters, August 16 and 19) it should contact its colleagues at the World Meteorological Organisation or the National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration. These two bodies jointly produced a credit-card sized card for distribution to those attending the Olympic Games in Atlanta last year.

By comparing air temperature with relative humidity the table on the card indicates the "apparent temperature". For example, when the air temperature is 84F and the relative humidity is 40 per cent the apparent temperature decreases to 83F. However, if the air temperature is 84F but the relative humidity is 80 per cent the apparent temperature increases to 94F.

The effects are more spectacular the higher the air temperature. With an air temperature of 94F and relative humidity at 80 per cent the apparent temperature is 129F.

Yours faithfully,
PETER J. CAMP,
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Cranleigh, Surrey.
August 19.

From Professor Emeritus Alan Day

Sir, When I served in the RAF as a meteorological officer in India in the final months of the Raj, we had a very simple rule of thumb to relate weather conditions with physical discomfort: if the wet bulb temperature rose significantly above 80F, the level of discomfort rose sharply and one's working efficiency fell off correspondingly.

The wet bulb reading is based on a normal thermometer whose bulb is surrounded by a damp wick. In dry desert conditions it can read 30 degrees or more below the dry bulb temperature as a result of evaporation, whereas when the air is saturated with water vapour the two readings coincide.

Here on a hilltop in rural Kent at midday by the sun, today's dry bulb temperature was 88F and the wet bulb 76F. This is quite bad enough, albeit well below the readings achieved, say, in midsummer Washington DC or Calcutta in the monsoon, when readings in the top half of the eighties are not uncommon.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN DAY,
Chart Place, Chart Sutton, Kent.
August 19.

From Mr James Denson

Sir, I quote the following from the 1994 edition of *The Guinness Book of Records*:

> *Humidity and discomfort:* Human comfort or discomfort depends not merely on temperature but on the combination of temperature, humidity, radiation and wind speed. The United States Weather Bureau uses a Temperature-Humidity Index, which equals two fifths of the sum of the dry and wet bulb thermometer readings plus 15. A THI of 98.2 has been twice recorded in Death Valley, California — on 17th Jul 1966 (119F and 21 per cent) and on 12 Aug 1970 (117F and 37 per cent).

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr R. J. Turner

Sir, Professor Maurice Crosland (letter, August 1) wonders why the Metereological Office does not give quantitative data relating to humidity. I suggest the answer is implicit in the piece by Simon Jenkins on the facing page, headed "A-level students rightly prefer 'soft' subjects to dry and useless sciences".

I am sure the Metereological Office doesn't bother because it realises that only a tiny minority would have any clue as to what it was talking about.

In this present spell of hot and humid weather I have heard several people express astonishment at the very heavy dews which occur each morning. When I explain that because the relative humidity is so high the slightest overnight cooling results in the air being cooled below its dew-point temperature and thus condensation occurs, they look at me as if I had asked them in Serbo-Croat for directions to the nearest public convenience.

Yours faithfully,
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Warsash, Southampton, Hampshire.
August 18.

Solutions to Africa's political and financial problems

From Mr David Lort-Phillips

Sir, Matthew Parris's gloomy view of the prospects for Africa (articles, August 8 and 15) has reopened an important debate (letters, August 16).

It is not just the particular horrors of Rwanda, Zaire and Angola. Of more enduring importance are the unseen miseries of millions of Africans, many of whose national governments and ruling elites seem to have given up on them. The tragedy is that so many, given a modicum of good government and the right kind of international help, can do so much on their own behalf.

Having worked as a district officer in rural Nigeria in the late Sixties, originally through VSO (Voluntary Service Overseas), and again in the late Eighties on a World Bank project, my heart responds to the would-be optimists; but my head recognises that much of what Parris says is true.

What principally depressed me, on my return to Nigeria, was not declining living standards (many were materially far better off) but falling morale and a lack of faith in their own or indeed any system of government.

This contrasted starkly with the dedication and faith in the future shown by many of my young colleagues in the administration in the 1960s. I recall urging them, when my wife and I left Nigeria in 1967, to bring their best talents into local government, thus creating an infrastructure to secure people's basic needs, against the time when national governments failed them, as they have consistently done ever since.

If Matthew Parris's Doomsday scenario is not to be realised it is at that level that the international community must apply encouragement and help.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID LORT-PHILLIPS,
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Lawrenny, Pembrokeshire.
August 17.

From the High Commissioner for Kenya

Sir, Your editorial, "Light in dark places" (August 15), makes a rather tenuous argument that corruption is unavoidable in any but the best-run and well-established democracies. In fact the former socialist (communist) countries had near zero corruption until capitalism and democracy were introduced in the recent past.

Corruption is costly because it leads to the misallocation of scarce resources. However, it is not necessarily true that corruption and poverty go together. Corruption and poverty do not have a cause-and-effect relationship.

Yours sincerely,
M. NGALI,
Kenya High Commission,
45 Portland Place, W1.
August 18.

From Mr Bill Linton

Sir, In the second of his articles on Africa, Matthew Parris likens the struggles of African countries to escape poverty to those of spiders trying to climb out of a bathtub.

When I spot a spider in my bath — assuming I don't want a bath immediately — I drape a bathmat over the side, reaching down to a level it can get to. When I come back later, it has usually made good its escape. Similarly, if we can simply remove the insurmountable obstacles in the Africans' way — principally the completely unsustainable levels of debt which they face — they will be out of the bath in no time, and we can relax in the tub with a clear conscience.

Yours faithfully,
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August 16.

Hindley's remorse

From Mr Julian J. Wragg

Sir, If Myra Hindley is as racked by contrition as the good Lord Longford, yet again, implies (letter, August 20), then should it matter to her one jot whether she is in jail or out of it? Either way, she can never be free.

Stone walls may not, in certain circumstances, a prison make, but neither should release from them bestow a sudden or magical freedom from conscience.

Yours faithfully,
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Garth, Maesteg, Mid Glamorgan.
August 20.

From Mr Jerome Gardner

Sir, In her analysis of the several issues raised by the "portrait" of Myra Hindley (article, August 18) Isabel Carlisle did not touch on one that seems to me equally relevant: the helpless situation of a long-term prisoner when faced by damaging publicity of this kind. In my view the continued use by the press of a scary police mug shot, taken 32 years ago, is a bad enough abuse of human rights without this absurd attempt to elevate it to the status of a work of art.

Of course the Royal Academy should ban it — for this reason as well as in deference to the expressed wishes of the relations of the Moors victims.

Yours faithfully,
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August 18.

Haeckel's drawings

From Dr Michael K. Richardson

Sir, Professor Terry Hamblin (letter, August 18) is right to remind your readers that Ernst Haeckel's embryo drawings have been criticised before. Indeed, we make this point in our paper *Anatomy and Embryology*, on which Nigel Hawkes reported in your issue of August 11.

The problem remains, however, that many of the people who write the biology textbooks today do not appear to be aware of the controversy. This may explain why Professor Hamblin was taught Haeckel's discredited ideas at school. Modern views of how animals evolve are still heavily influenced by Haeckel's view that embryos are largely untouched by evolution.

Haeckel's legacy is predominantly an unpleasant one, and his racialist ideas were taken up by the National Socialists. However, it is only fair to remember that he did a great deal of important work, especially in the field of invertebrate zoology.

Finally, I point out that the photographs of embryos accompanying Nigel Hawkes's article are mostly different species from those in Haeckel's drawings. Unfortunately, the labels which I supplied with the photographs were not printed.

Yours faithfully,
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Arms for oblivion?

From Mr Wyn K. Ford

Sir, May I offer a few comments on the proposed renaming of a Haywards Heath pub (Diary, August 18)?

It is clear that at one time the names under discussion were alternatives for the same establishment. I have not traced the existence of this pub earlier than 1832, when it was known as The Dolphin. But it was known as The Sergison's Arms as early as 1845, and this name has continued in current use until the present time, although the building is labelled as the Dolphin Inn on a map dated 1857.

It would be unfortunate if the pub was now to revert to its early name. Locally it is known familiarly as the Sarge, and the change would probably lead to confusion with an identically named leisure centre and restaurant in the town.

Yours faithfully,
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August 19.

From Sir Ilay Campbell

Sir, According to *Burke's Landed Gentry* the arms of the Sergisons of Cuckfield Park — an estate some two miles out of Haywards Heath — were "Argent, on a chevron between three dolphins naiant sable, a plate between two fleurs-de-lis of the first".

Which came first, the chicken or the egg?

I am etc,
ILAY CAMPBELL,
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August 19.

St Edmundsbury tower

From Professor James Stevens Curl, FSA

Sir, Marcus Binney's excellent report of July 26 about the new scheme for a crossing-tower for Bury St Edmunds Cathedral, revealed a far nobler design than the stumpy apology for a tower favoured by the Cathedral Council (letter, August 4). The latter is based on a sketch produced simply for purposes of comparing costs.

In the 1960s the late Stephen Dykes Bower, architect of the fine extensions to the cathedral, drew up a soaring, wonderful tower that would have done justice to his own excellent work there. I believe that Hugh Mathew's design would do ample justice to the integrity of the overall design.

Committees cannot design noble buildings. Mathew's tower could do just that, as everyone would agree if the council would only build what Dykes Bower intended, even without the spire.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
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Keeping control

From Mr John Clark Maxwell

Sir, At this time of year I can understand why my local *Yellow Pages* has placed the announcement "School holidays, see the new inside guide" between "Pest and vermin control products" and "Pest and vermin control services".

Yours faithfully,
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Church Road,
Swallowfield, Berkshire
August 16.

COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE
August 20: By command of The Queen, Vice Admiral Sir James Weatherall (Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps) called upon Her Excellency Mrs Saida Chtioui at 29 Princes Gate, London SW7, this morning in order to bid farewell to Her Excellency upon relinquishing her appointment as Ambassador from the Republic of Tunisia to the Court of St James's.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
August 20: The Duke of York, Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Irish Regiment, this afternoon received Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Camp upon assuming the appointment of Commanding Officer, 5th Battalion.

Royal engagement

Princess Alexandra will attend a service in Norwich Cathedral at *3.00pm for those in* Norfolk celebrating their golden wedding *in the same year as the Queen and* the Duke of Edinburgh.

Luncheon

National Sporting Club
Mr Desmond Lynam and Mr Jimmy Hill were the guests of honour at a luncheon of the National Sporting Club held yesterday at the Café *Royal*.

Today's anniversaries

BIRTHS: St Francis de Sales, *Doctor of the Church, near* Annecy, France, 1567; Jean Baptiste Greuze, painter, *Macon*, 1725; *William Murdock*, inventor, Auchinleck, Strathclyde, 1754; King William IV, *reigned 1830-37*, Buckingham Palace, 1765; August Bournonville, writer, Copenhagen, *1805*; Charles Gerhardt, chemist, Strasbourg, 1816; Aubrey Beardsley, *illustrator, Brighton*, 1872; "Count" Basie, jazz pianist, Red Bank, New Jersey, 1904.

DEATHS: Richard Crashaw, poet, Loreto, Italy, 1649; Lady *Mary Wortley Montagu, writer*, London, 1762; Sir Benjamin Thompson, Count von Rumford, founder of the Royal *Institution*, Auteuil, 1814; William Maginn, writer, Walton-on-Thames, 1842; Selwyn *Image, painter, Holloway*, 1930; Constant Lambert, composer, London, 1951; Sir Jacob *Epstein, sculptor, London*, 1959; Sobhuza II, King of Swaziland 1899-1982, Embo, 1982.

Sam Browne, of the 2nd Punjab Cavalry, invented the belt that bears his name, 1858.

The Cadillac Motor Company was formed, Detroit, 1901.

Hawaii became the 50th state of the Union, 1959.

*British licensing laws allow*ing more flexible pub opening hours came into force, 1988.

Birthdays today

Princess Margaret celebrates her 67th birthday today.

Dame Janet Baker, CH, opera singer, 64; Mr Christopher Brasher, Olympic gold medallist and former race director, London Marathon, 69; Mr *Donald Dewar, Secretary of* State for Scotland, 60; Sir Ronald Garrick, managing *director and chief executive*, The Weir Group, 57; Mr Tony Girling, former President, Law Society, 54; Professor A. S. Goudie, geographer, 52; Mr David G. Heywood, chairman, Remploy, 62; Miss Anne Hobbs, *tennis player*, 38; the Hon Gerald Lascelles, 73; Dr T. P. McLean, former director, Atomic Weapons Research Establishment, 67; Mr Barry Norman, broadcaster, 64; the Earl of Normanton, 52; Mr Kenny Rogers, country music *singer, 56; Mr Sam Toy, form*er chairman, Ford Motor Company, 74; Lieutenant-General Sir Richard Vickers, 69.

University news

Reading University
The university has conferred the personal title of professor on the following from October 1:

Dr D.C. **Berry** (Reader in Psych*ology) — Professor of Psychology.*

Dr P. **Hadley** (Reader in Crop *Physiology) — Professor of Horti*cultural Crop Physiology.

Dr T.M. **Herrington** (Hardman) (Reader in Chemistry) — Professor of Colloid Science.

Dr R.J.B. **Jones** (Senior Lecturer in Politics) — Professor of International Relations.

Dr P.S. **Noble** (Reader in French Studies) — Professor of Medieval & Quebec Literature.

Dr A.C. **Wright** (Reader in Amorphography) — Professor of Amorphous Solid State Physics.

Sussex University
The following have been promoted to professorships from July 1, 1997.

Peter Way, Reader, to a Professorship of American History in the School of English and American Studies.

Michael **Pendlebury**, Reader, to a Professorship in Experimental Physics in the School of Chemistry, Physics and Environmental Science.

New appointments from August 1:

Michael *Hawkins, Reader in History* School of English and American Studies, to be Director of Student Services.

Marc **Williams** to be Director of the Graduate Research Centre for the Comparative Study of Culture, Development and the Environment.

Institution of Civil Engineers

The following candidates have been admitted to Corporate Membership, Associate Membership and Technician Membership of the Institution of Civil Engineers following the Spring 1997 session of Profes*sional Reviews.*

Corporate Members
Acheson S P; Ackroyd J P; Adelaja D; Adjei N A; Armes N D; Atkinson M H D; Ballard A C; Balmer G D; Barbour G J M; Barratt W A; Bartlett R C; Baskin *A J; Baxter W; Beacham D J*; Beckett P C; Bedford C P; Bentley I G; Best S; Bettles J; Bill E T; Birrell D R; Bowes J R; Bowron J; Bracey PR; Briffa G J; Brooks L R; Brophy S; *Bruce S; Buckett J M; Bucknell J* R; Buckton T; Buray S S; Burgess P A; *Burton C J T; Caldwell J*; Chan P M; Charnock R E; Cheshire L H; Chidgey A J (*); Clisham PA; Clyne G R (*); Connor G M; Cooper-Chadwick W; Coupe R D; Cum*mins S J; Damms P D; Dare M J*; Davies DL; Day S J; De Voy J D J; Dickinson I C; Dodd C P; Donaldson A J; Dowling SP; Drummond MMA; Eastwood KM; Eccles AJ; El-Khoury RR; Ellis CM; England JA; Fawkes MRA; Fennell RA; *Fillingham FR*; Flatters MJ; Fleming PA; Flood AW; *Foden D (*); Gallagher* EMG; Gee SJ; Gibson JM; Gill ID; Gilmour M; Godsmark P; Golightly CR; Gordon BJ; Griffiths AJ; Haining LJ; Haining RAM; Hamilton RG; Hammond CM; Hanson IC; Harmer PG; *Hashim SAS; Havenhand PT*; Hayes S K; Heatley G J; Hedley T P; *Henning M R*; Herron M; Hewitt T M; Higgins G H; Hill A J; Hillier E J; Hitch A; Hodson I M; House S J; Howell H W; Hughes A; Hughes T M D; Hurst R E; Hussey M J; Ive T P; Jacobs I M; Jayawardena H P; Jenner M B; Johnson D R; *Kaar E T (*)*; Kensett D R; Khemlyani R; Kimberley D A; Kitto K P; Knight R A; Lewin S L; Lewis D P; Lewis G (*); Lile C R; Lindsay J G; Little P H; Lloyd J; *Lowe C R; Lowes A J; Lynrides M C*; Mabey M I; Mac Donald A J; *Mahdi A A K; Mankey P D*; Marchant G M A; Marshall S R; Maudsley I; McCullough T A; McDermott M; McFarlane D G; McGrath B; McIlwaine S J; *McKibbin G E; McLean J*; McNeill I D C (*); McNulty J A; *McPeak B; Middleditch S J; Millar* R; Miller G; Miller G L (*); Minchin S D; Monks G D; Morris G J; Morris J; Morton A J; Moss N A; Murdoch C W A (*); Murphy M; *Murray A A G; Nash C L (*); Neal* M; Nesbitt A K; Newton A J; *Nicholls A D J; Noble L K*; Nyambayo V P; O'Brien J K; O'Connor T M; Obinwa A B; Okine F T; Osborne J A; Parker S J; Parncutt S J; Pateman S N; Pavey J E; *Peacock P E; Peake C D; Pearce* S (RRHMP); Perry A J; Pitt T G; *Potter M J; Poulter L; Power M D*; Prendergast S M; Prior M W; Prothero J; Pryer J W; Pyatt D G; Quinn M P; Rangasamy B A A; Rees W; Rennison R; Richards E C; Richardson I W; Ridout M T; Ringrose A I; Rogers C S; Roper H *D; Round C E J; Rowley L D*; Rudge D; Russell C M E; Ryan M J G; Sawyer M A; Shadbolt D P J; Sheach A D; Sheppard A J; Sheppard R J; Sheridan J M; *Shorter M; Simpson G J; Slater S* J; Smith M S; Smith S M; Spalding J P; Spilsbury S J; Spittal A B; Springett S; Staniland M A; Stephenson M J; Stevens P; Ste*vens S A; Stout B J; Stroud S J*; Sunderland J M; Sutherland B; Tarbuck R H; Taverner D T; Taylor G M; Taylor L P; Taylor R J; Thomas C G; Topping A; Tosh R S; Totton J; Turton P M; Uglow A J; Utam A S; Valvona P A; Vaughan H R; *Wallace C C*; Wallace D J; Wallis A; Ward J A; Ward N; Ward R P; Warneford R I; Waterman J; Watson C; Watson S; Welsh D H; West A P; Westby A C; *Whale R; Whitelaw I H*; Wijesekera S P; Wilkes J P; Willis *G; Wilson S; Woodmansey P R*; Woodward A R; Young M J S.

Associate Members
Bond C D; Boots S R; Brown K J; *Brown R F; Campbell A K; Cargill* B A; Cator P C; Chatfield G A; Dawson D P; *Dean J W (*)*; Dransfield C; Eamonson P D; Earle K A; Evans T J; Finney J B; Forster M C; Gillham K A; Groark D P (RRHMP); Guest N G; Hage P *A; Hankey M; Hargreaves M E*; Henderson N; Hicks C L; Hind S; Hore J C; Hurst P M C; Kerr S B; Kirkhope L M; Last G J; Leaver K J; Lloyd B I; Lloyd G A; Mackintosh F; Martin N A; Mc Culloch K N; Molloy K G; Morris A D; *Moulson P S; Musgrave P A*; Narramore R J; North M D; Perry L M; Philpott C J; *Poole A; Pugh J* F; Pye N R; Quigley K A; Rayner S A; Sandeman C G; Selley P; Shaw G F; Sidaway P; Slater S; Smith C G; Smollett L J; Stubbs A M; *Taylor C G; Uttley I J; Vermeersch* A J; Warren V A; Watson G; Watts D; Webb G R; Williams *R* G; Woodcock S J; Yearsley P A.

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RRHMP denotes those candidates who have won the *Renee Redfern Hunt Memorial* Prize and asterisk (*) denotes *those candidates who* were commended on the standard of the essay(s)/written test.

ANDREW PARTRIDGE

Andrew Wade, head of voice at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, tutoring secondary school teachers in breathing techniques at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford upon Avon, yesterday. The course is part of the Prince of Wales Shakespeare School

Archaeology

Royal discovery charts rise of the sash window

By Norman Hammond, archaeology correspondent

SASH windows are still so common as to be unremarked by most people, especially those who live in towns and in *older houses, yet their origin* is probably unknown to almost all those who open and *shut them, and curse when* they get jammed.

There are two types: hori*zontal and vertical. The hori*zontal type is known as a Yorkshire sash and is a simple sliding window without weights, much used by modern double-glazing companies. The vertical, or rising, sash has counterweights with*in the frame, so that it will* (or should) rise and fall at the touch of a fingertip.

While the vertically sliding sash probably developed from the Yorkshire form, its introduction into England is obscure. In 1519 "prety wyndowes shette with levys goynge up and down" are mentioned in Horman's *Vulgaria*, and they are known in France from around 1630. *Until now*, the earliest English examples to survive were at Chatsworth, dating to 1676-80, *although* they are mentioned in use at Whitehall Palace in London from 1662. *Their success over three cen*turies is due to their adjustability and lightness, and to *the uninterrupted glazing* they made possible.

What seems to be the earli*est surviving vertical sash* window in Britain has now been located in the remains of Charles II's country palace at Newmarket in Suffolk, by *Tony Baggs, a Cambridge* archaeologist. It was probably installed between 1668 *and 1671, when the King spent* £8,000 remodelling the palace, part of which still survives on Newmarket High Street.

It was found bricked up in what was the closet behind Charles II's bedroom, closed off and protected by a service stair. "The frame is oak, divided into equal quarters by a mullion and transom," Mr Baggs said: "In the lower quarters there were rising sashes which were counterbalanced only on one side."

One sash survives, its braided cord running in a groove and over a wooden pulley wheel. *Three cylindrical* lead weights strung like beads on the cord travel in a hole bored *into the solid outer frame.*

The lower sash could easily be raised and lowered by *means of two knobs.* Part of the original glazing has survived, a panel of leaded diamond *panes* almost 2ft sq held on iron glazing bars.

Since the earliest reference to *lines, pulleys and counter*weights is in only 1665, the Newmarket window comes "at a critical point in the history of the rising sash", Mr Baggs said.

Source: *The Georgian Group Journal* 7: 168-171.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.F. Anderson
and Miss C.S. Morris
The engagement is announced between Charles, elder *son of* Mr and Mrs David Anderson, of Barnt Green, Worcestershire, and *Camilla, daughter of Mr* and Mrs Alan Morris, of Sherborne, Gloucestershire.

Mr T.D.M. Cooke
and Miss C.S.J. Batten
The engagement is announced between Tristan, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Cooke, of *Wimbledon, and Caroline*, third daughter of Mr and Mrs Bryan K. Batten, of Laleham-on-Thames.

Mr C.J.H. Cripwell
and Miss A.L. Orr
The engagement is announced between Crispin, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Peter Cripwell, of Herefordshire, and Amanda, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ronald Orr, of Fulham, *London*.

Mr H.H.M. Dickinson
and Miss J.L. Olssen
The engagement is announced between Harry, son of Mr and *Mrs David Dickinson, of* Evedon Manor, Sleaford, Lincolnshire, and Jane, daughter of *Mr and Mrs* K. H. Olssen, of Watervale, Clare Valley, South Australia.

Mr K.S. *Fuad*
and Miss T.D.F. Stevenson
The engagement is announced between Kerim, youngest son of Mr Justice and Mrs Kutlu Fuad, of Nicosia, Cyprus, and Tania, daughter of Mr and Mrs Barry *Stevenson, of Bath.*

Mr S.H. Gardner
and Miss J.L. Owens
The engagement is announced between Simon, elder son of Mr and Mrs Jeremy Gardner, of Mayals, Swansea, and Joanne, *daughter of Mr and Mrs Bryn* Owens, of Telford, Shropshire.

Mr J. Harrowsmith
and Miss S. McCartney
The engagement is announced between James, eldest son of Mr A. A. Harrowsmith RVM and Mrs Harrowsmith, of Crewe Green, Cheshire, and Sarah, youngest daughter of *Dr* and Mrs B. McCartney, of Heswall, Wirral.

Mr R.G. Morris
and Miss E.J. Bennett
The engagement is *announced* between Richard, son of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs Brian *Morris, of* Downton, Wiltshire, and Elinor, daughter of Mr and Mrs Adrian Bennett, *of Bude*, Cornwall.

Mr R.W. Speed
and Miss K.E.E.A. Webb
The engagement is announced between Russell William, son of *Mrs Isobel Penny and stepson of* Mr William Penny, of Burnside, Glasgow, and Katrina Elizabeth Ellen Avery, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Keith Webb, of West *Malling*, Kent.

Dr D.E.B. Swinson
and Miss S.E. Peters
The *engagement* is announced between Daniel, son of Dr and *Mrs David Swinson, of* Wigan, Lancashire, and Sophie, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Peters, of Hurstpierpoint, West Sussex.

Marriage

M G. de Champvallier
and Miss M. Cacciotti
The *marriage took place at the* Castello di Santa Maria Novella, in Tuscany, on *Saturday August* 9, 1997, of M Gilles de Champvallier, son of M and Mme de Champvallier, of Paris, and Miss Melissa Cacciotti, daughter of Susan MacDonald-Cacciotti, London.

Latest wills

Elsie May **Cheetum**, of Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria, left estate valued at £1,227,339 net.
She left £10,000 each to the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council, the Shaftesbury Society, the Royal Society for Mentally Handicapped Children and Adults, and the Barrow and District Spastic and Handicapped Society; £5,000 to St Paul's church, Grange-over-Sands.

Arthur John **Saul** *of* Leverton, Lincolnshire, left estate valued at £1,713,484 net.
He left £20,000 to be divided between his employees and the employees of John Saul Ltd.

Isabelle Ruth **Cleeve**, of Willingdon, Eastbourne, East Sussex, left estate valued at £1,147,912 net.
She left £50,000 to the Overseas Missionary Fellowship, the Friends of Cathedral Music, Croydon, King Edward VII's Hospital for Officers, the Royal School of Church Music, Croydon, *and St Mary's church*, Willingdon, Eastbourne; £30,000 each to the Church Missionary Society and St John's church, Wimbledon; and £2,000 to the Gunner Heritage Appeal.

Sheila Clare Moriarty **Beddy**, of Mayfield, East Sussex, left estate valued *at £1,190,516 net.*
She left £5,000 each to Oxfam, the National Trust, the Imperial Cancer Research, *Help the Aged*, YMCA and the Red Cross.

Janet Bessie **Harding**, of Bournemouth, Dorset, *left estate* valued at £1,090,382 net.
She left £1,000 to All Saints' church, Southbourne, Bournemouth, plus *shares in her residuary estate to* Christian Aid, the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, the Spastics Society and the RNID.

Enid Ira Mayne **Addenbrooke**, of Maisemore, Gloucester, left estate valued at £1,695,048 net.
She left shares in her residuary estate to the Distressed Gentlefolks Aid Association, RNIB, RNLI, St Giles' *church, Maisemore, RSPB, PDSA and* the RSPCA.

Caryll Juliet **Hedworth-Whitty**, of London, SE5, left estate valued at £1,003,614 net.

Norman **Rathbone**, of Crest Storth, Cumbria, left estate valued at £3,986,389 net.
He left £2,000 *to the RNLI and to the* Parish Church of Arnside, Cumbria, and £1,500 to the Cancer Research Campaign.

Agnes Hunnam **Hastie**, *of North* Shields, Tyne and Wear, left estate valued at £1,195,360 net.
She left £5,000 to St Oswald's *Hospice, Gosforth*; £2,000 to Hawkeys Lane Methodist Church, North Shields; and £1,000 each to Northumberland Wildlife Trust, Tynemouth Welfare Society, RNLI, *Salvation Army, Society for Mentally* Handicapped Children, and the Cat and Dog Shelter, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Church news

Appointments

Rev Richard Bailey, Vicar, *Wombridge (Lichfield): to be* Priest-in-Charge, Shenstone, and Stonnall (same diocese).

Rev Alan Barrett, Rector, Langdon Mills (Chelmsford): to be Priest-in-charge, Tamworth St Editha (Lichfield).

Rev *Bryan Barrowdale*, Rector, Cotgrave All Saints', Priest-in-Charge, Owthorpe, and Rural Dean of Bingham (Southwell): to be also Hon Canon of Southwell Minster.

Rev Freda Beveridge, Team Rector, Woughton (Oxford): to be Assistant Curate, Woodham, with special responsibility for Sheer*water (Guildford).*

Rev Stephen Brian, Vicar, Freckleton (Lancaster): to be Vicar, Bagshot St Anne (Guildford).

Rev Philip Clarke, Curate, Odd Rode *(Chester): to be* Priest-in-Charge, Peterchurch w Vowchurch, Turnastone and Dorstone (Hereford).

Rev Melanie Clayton, Assistant Curate, Penn (Lichfield): *to be* Team Vicar, Wolverhampton St Chad, *with special responsibility* for St Mark and St Chad (same diocese).

Rev Alan Cole, incumbent, Dimboola (Ballarat, Australia): to be *Priest-in-Charge, Ilkeston Holy* Trinity (Derby).

Rev Edgar Cunnington, Priest-in-Charge, Lyng, Sparham, Elsing, Bylaugh, Bawdeswell and Foxley (Norwich): to be Rector of the new benefice.

Rev Geoffrey Darvill, Chaplain, HM Young Offender Institution, Onley (Coventry): to be Chaplain, HM Prison Norwich.

Rev Ian Duffield, Vicar, Walkley (Sheffield): to be half-time Vicar, same benefice, and half-time Supervisor of the Master of Ministry and Doctor of Ministry Degree Programme, Urban Theology Unit (same diocese).

Retirements & resignations

Rev Canon Julian Charley, Priest-*in-Charge, Great Malvern, and* Hon Canon of Worcester Cathedral: retired July 30.

Rev Canon John Evans, Vicar, Crookham Christ Church (Guildford) retired April 30.

Rev Peter Wright, Vicar, Coddington w Barnby in the Willows (Southwell): to retire September 30.

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Sing to him a new song; strike up with all your skill and shout in triumph, for the word of the Lord holds true and all his work endures. Psalm 33 :3,4.

BIRTHS

CARDOE - On 18th August, to Milly (née Mackintosh) and Martin, a daughter, Rosie Anne, a sister for Oliver and Alex.

CLARK - On August 19th, to *Jane (née Hunter-Craig)* and Rupert, a daughter, Celia Elizabeth, a sister for Georgia.

CONNOLLY - On August 19th, at home, to Amanda (née Oliver) wife of Richard, a daughter, a sister for Mimi and Teenie.

ELLIS - *On August 20th, to* Helena and Nick, a daughter, Emily Jane Rosanna, a sister for Rebecca and Lucy.

LEIGH - On July 29th, to Liz (née Silkstone) and Steve, a beautiful daughter, Bethany Frances, a sister for Tessa.

MABY - See Smith.

OUNSLEY - On August 18th 1997, to Debbie (née Prior) and Richard, a son, Oliver. A brother for Matthew and Kelly.

SMITH - *On 18th August 1997*, to Victoria (née Maby) and Christopher Smith, a son.

WEBB - On July 16th, *to Emma* (née Lord) and Marcus, a son, Benjamin Thomas.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

LEE:HUGHES - Arthur John Lee to Vera Nellie Hughes at St Andrew's Church, Farlington, Portsmouth 21st August 1947.

DEATHS

BURD - Peacefully on August 17th aged 95, Cecilia Elizabeth Crawford (née Berry). Widow of Laurence Henry Burd of Westminster School and mother of Ellie and Edward. Private interment this week at Shroton, Dorset. Memorial Service at Llandetty Church, Talybont on Usk, Brecon at 2.30pm on Friday 5th September.

COWEY - On August 20th at the City Hospital, Nottingham, Brigadier B.T.V. (Bun) Cowey DSO OBE DL, late the Welch Regiment. *Aged 85. Much* loved and loving husband for 47 years of the late Peggy and a very dear Uncle. Cremation private. Thanksgiving Service in Cardiff in October. Details to be announced. *Donations* if desired to the Royal Regiment of Wales Benevolent Fund, Maindy Barracks, Cardiff CF4 3YE. Any enquiries to Elvin & Co, Solicitors 01509 852454.

FONTAINE - On August 19th 1997 Evelyn Margaret aged 91. Beloved sister, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She will be greatly *missed* by her large family and many friends. Funeral Service at Our Lady of Dover, Buckland, near Dover, on Thursday 28th August at 2 pm. Flowers or donations to the British Heart Foundation c/o Hambrook & Johns, 1 Dover Road, Folkestone.

GIBBS - Dr. Reginald Edmund, former Reader in Physics at University College, London, died peacefully on 19th August aged 99 and will be *cremated at Breakspear* Crematorium, Ruislip, Middlesex on Wednesday 27th August at 3.45pm. Donations in memory may be sent to Age Concern Ealing, c/o Christopher *Wickenden Funeral Services*, 71 Greenford Avenue, London W7 1LJ. 0181 579 7176.

DICKSON - Eileen Wadham, née Latton, aged 91, died 17th August 1997 at Pooks Hill Nursing Home, *Crowthorne, Berks., where* she had been wonderfully cared for. She was the dearly-loved wife for 63 years of the late Charles Frederick Dickson O.B.E. They were perfect partners and each *contributed* to the others success. During the Second World War, she was a member of the Executive Council of the London Stage Door Canteen, of which C.F.D. was a most effective *Chairman. Subsequently* she was Fashion Editor, and later Editor (1951-1964) of Harper's Bazaar. There is to be a private cremation at Reading Crematorium on Tuesday 26th August 1997 at 12.30 pm. *A Memorial* Service will be held on Tuesday 9th September 1997 at St Mary's Church, Aldworth, Berks. at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only but donations in lieu to St Mary's Church, Aldworth, would be greatly *appreciated. Enquiries to* Cyril H. Lovegrove, 58 Briants Avenue, Caversham, tel: 0118 9461393.

GRANT - Allan OBE on Sunday 17th August 1997 peacefully at Princess Alice Hospice, Esher, aged 86 *years. Dearly loved husband* of Mary and much loved father and grandfather. Private cremation, family flowers only. Donations if desired to The Princess Alice Hospice c/o T.H. Sanders & *Sons*, 28 Kew Road, Richmond, Surrey. Thanksgiving Service at a later date.

HORNSBY - Yvonne Betty formerly of Kneller Road, Whitton died peacefully in Ghyll Grove Nursing Home *in Basildon on 18th August*. Beloved wife of Norman and mother of Nicholas and Guy. Yvonne will be much missed by Janet, Michael and Joanne and grandchildren Alex and Amy. Flowers to the Funeral *Service at South West* Middlesex Crematorium on Friday 22nd at 1.45 pm.

ILIFFE - Barrie John peacefully on 19th August. Much loved husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend to many. Service at Golders Green Crematorium on Wednesday 27th August at 3.30 pm. Donations please to Lord Athlone Ward, Middlesex Hospital, Mortimer Street, W1, in lieu *of flowers.*

JENNER - *Lorna, peacefully on* 18th August at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford. Beloved *wife of* Tony, mother of Elizabeth, mother-in-law to Kirk and Grandma to Gemma, Freya and Charlie. *Service at Oxford* Crematorium on Tuesday 26th August at 3 pm. Enquiries to Reeves & Pain (01865) 242629.

JOHN - Peacefully on Monday August 18th at Withybush Hospital, Haverfordwest, *Marjorie Emily of* 1 Gilfach Hill, Lampeter Velfrey. Beloved wife *of* the late Doctor Dilwyn John. Devoted mother of Mary and David, dear mother-in-law of Frank and Jane and a much loved *grandmother and great-*grandmother. Private funeral. No flowers by request.

LONGFORD - Mary peacefully on August 17th aged 87 years. A much loved mother, grandmother and great-*grandmother. Funeral* Service at St Michael and All Angels Parish Church, Hughenden, 11.30 am Tuesday 26th August, *followed* by private family cremation. Family flowers only. Any donations to The John Fletcher Trust Fund c/o Surman and Horwood Funeral Service, 25 High Street, Princes Risborough HP27 0AE.

MALKIN - Edwin Anthony (Tony). On 8th August 1997 *aged 81 at the Wimbledon* Beaumont Nursing Home. Peacefully, after an illness borne with great courage and dignity. Highly respected consultant ENT surgeon at the Westminster, Sutton & Cheam and St Helier Hospitals. Formerly Squadron Leader *(Medical)*, RAF Middle East. Late Honorary Vice-President and Medical Officer, British Red Cross (Surrey Branch). An immensely kind, courteous and much-loved friend to so many and a treasured "Uncle Tony" to the younger generation. He will be sorely missed. Friends and colleagues will be welcome at the funeral service at 12.15 pm on Thursday 28th August at The West Chapel, Putney Vale Crematorium, *Stag Lane*, Putney, London SW15 3DZ. No flowers please. Donations, if desired, for the British Red Cross or the Salvation Army, c/o Edward Walker, Copley Clark & Bennett, Solicitors, 36 *Grove Road*, Sutton, Surrey, SM1 1BS.

PEERMAN - H. Leslie died Ballinger, Bucks., August 17th. Sadly missed by family and friends. No flowers *please - donations to*: Institute of Cancer Research, 17A, Onslow Gardens, London, SW7 3AL.

MARCHANT - Vernon peacefully on 18th August at the Oakhaven Hospice, Lymington. Beloved husband *of Joyce, much loved father* and grandfather. Private cremation. Thanksgiving Service at St Nicholas Church, Brockenhurst on *Wednesday*, 27th August at 3 pm. No *flowers* please. *Donations if desired to* Oakhaven Hospice c/o Diamond & Son Funeral Directors, Lymington, SO41 9DN.

PERKINS - Neil, on 10th August in Plymouth aged 88. A loving husband, father and grandfather. *Late Director of* Blight and White Structural *Engineers, Plymouth.*

PLOWDEN-WARDLAW - Thomas Campbell died peacefully on 14th August at Vero Beach, Florida, in his ninetieth year. Husband of Mary, father of James and Stephen, grandfather and great grandfather. Second son of the Revd. James Tait *Plowden-Wardlaw and his* wife, Edith Hay (née Campbell of Craigie, Ayr, Scotland). Educated at Radley College and Christ Church, Oxford. Former Chairman of the Tax Section *of New York State Bar* Association and Trustee of the National Centre for Automated Information Research, the foundation responsible for encouraging the first computerised legal *information retrieval* programmes in the USA, now known as LEXIS. Memorial Service to be held at Nonquitt, Massachusetts on 6th September 1997. All enquiries, communications to *Mr J.C. Plowden-Wardlaw*, 116 East Sixty-third Street, New York, New York 10021, USA.

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PETER NOBLE

Peter Noble, right, with Roger Moore

Peter Noble, columnist and writer on the cinema, died on August 17 aged 80. He was born on July 18, 1917.

Wardour Street, the narrow thoroughfare bisecting Soho, in spite of the recent incursion of glitzy mega-restarants and sushi bars still retains traces of its raffish postwar aura as the epicentre of the British film business. It has lost one of its most colourful and universally loved figures. Peter Noble was not merely a columnist, trade paper editor, film historian, broadcaster, scriptwriter and occasional actor, he was the Street's most dedicated fan, a warm and genial enthusiast whose energetic bonhomie infected anyone who came within his orbit.

The breadth of his acquaintance was immense. He seemed to know everyone, and possessed the commendable gift of being able to match face and name, thus at a chance meeting flattering with recognition those who barely knew him, ensuring that ever afterwards they were convinced that they were part of his enormous circle.

His background hardly matched the glamorous world in which he was to move. Born in East London, Peter Noble never knew his father, who was a casualty of the First World War. After his mother's remarriage he grew up in the North London suburb of Edmonton and went to Latymer School.

The cinema was a useful refuge from the irksome routine of school life, as he was neither scholarly nor sporty. After false career starts, in furtherance of his interest in left-wing politics he joined the Unity Theatre and made his London debut as an actor, appearing in *Symphony of Youth* in 1938, followed by roles in *Waiting for Lefty*, *Till the Day I Die* and *Sabotage*.

By 1940 he had joined George Turner productions as a screenwriter, working on shorts and documentaries, and after a few silent walk-on parts he made his debut as a film actor in 1942 in Gainsborough's *It's That Man Again*, a film version of the radio comedy show, *ITMA*. He was in several other films, including *The Man from Morocco* and *The Bells Go Down*, and he wrote the songs and lyrics for the Will Hay film *My Learned Friend*.

He was also a member of the BBC drama repertory company during the heyday of *Saturday Night Theatre* on the Home Service. By then he had realised that he was more accomplished as a journalist than as an actor, and that even under the severe restrictions of wartime paper rationing new opportunities were opening up.

He worked for *What's On*, an entertainment listings magazine, and edited *Film Quarterly*. In 1945 he started the *British Film Yearbook*, a compendious annual survey of production, then enjoying a rare boom time, securing for the first issue a foreword by Sir Alexander Korda and an introduction by J. Arthur Rank, who were the two pre-eminent tycoons of the era.

Noble always adroitly balanced the serious and frivolous sides of his immense output. For instance, at the same time that his commendable study of racial prejudice, *The Negro in Films*, was published, he was running the Film Book Club, which catered for the literary needs of the multitudes of fans who packed the cinemas in the busy times of the mid-1940s.

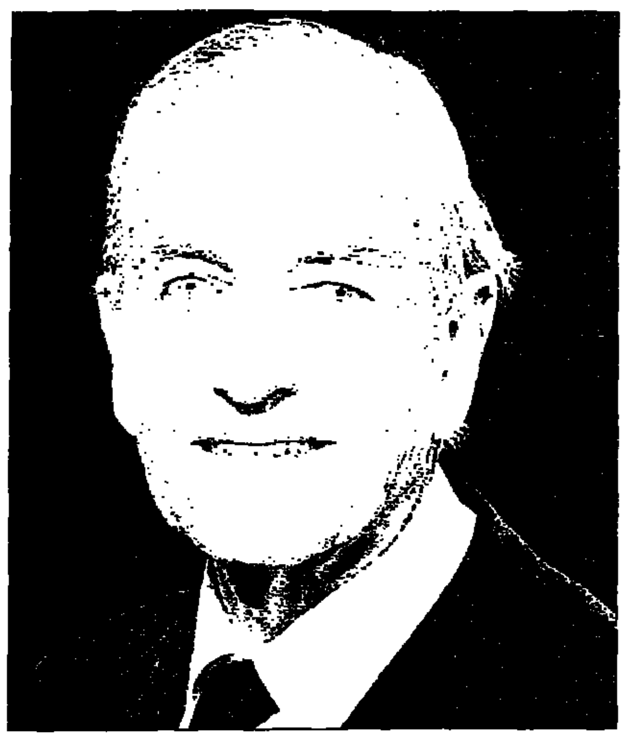
He was married twice, first to Sylvia Durham, and in 1947 to the actress Marianne Stone, whom he had met at the Intimate Theatre, Palmers Green. They had two daughters, Katina and Kara. Their social gatherings at their airy house in Abbey Road, St John's Wood, were always brilliant occasions where stars such as Ava Gardner or James Mason could relax and become normal mortals.

During the 1950s and 1960s he continued to write a wide range of books, including studies of Orson Welles and Erich Von Stroheim, and he reached an even wider public first as a radio panellist, then as writer and presenter of *Movie-Go-Round*, BBC Radio's only film programme of any consequence. His depth of knowledge and the ease with which he could spin anecdotes of the famous always made him popular on quiz programmes.

In the mid-1970s he was appointed the editor of the leading film-business newspaper published in Britain, now known as *Screen International*. For years his chatty gossip column "In Confidence" was required reading throughout the industry, often containing extraordinary scoops that had been passed to him directly by many of its biggest names, who trusted him never to be venomous or inaccurate. He always seemed starstruck, and his delicate avoidance of scabrous topics earned him wide respect.

Eventually, in 1992, the new proprietors of the paper felt that there was no longer a place for his entertaining, witty column, and dropped it, leaving a void that is still painfully apparent. During recent anxious months his illness had prevented him from leaving home, but many of his friends would go to see him, knowing that his time was short. It is a certainty that he would have wanted his obituary to end with the italicised words he used each week to sign himself off. *So what else is new?*

PROFESSOR JOHN KNOWELDEN



John Knowelden, CBE, Professor of Community Medicine at the University of Sheffield, 1960-84, died on July 23 aged 78. He was born in London on April 19, 1919.

AFTER education at King's College London and St George's Hospital, John Knowelden was commissioned in 1942 as RNVR Surgeon-Lieutenant and served for more than three years in the destroyer *HMS Quillan*. He was almost continually at sea, seeing action in the North Atlantic, Mediterranean and Pacific on escort duties, protecting convoys and battle formations. In the Pacific his ship was protecting American aircraft carriers from submarine and kamikaze attacks during the extended sea battles of 1944-45. During these years, many survivors were picked up, but not all could be helped with the restricted medical facilities, and Knowelden acted as chaplain to the dying. The suffering and cruelty of war affected him deeply, though he seldom talked of it.

After a Rockefeller Fellowship in Preventive Medicine at Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health in 1947-49, Knowelden was appointed to a lectureship at the department of medical statistics and epidemiology at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. There he was greatly influenced by A. Bradford Hill, with whom he developed an enduring friendship. Together in 1949 they established a clear association between recent inoculation and poliomyelitis. Then, as a member of various Medical Research Council committees, he worked on important studies including whooping cough vaccine trials, a study of the use of ACTH, cortisone and aspirin in the treatment of acute rheumatic fever in children, and the study which established the link between poliomyelitis and previous tonsillectomy.

He organised the field trial — involving two million children — that established the effectiveness of the British poliomyelitis vaccine. Under the auspices of the British Empire Cancer Campaign, he helped to establish cancer registries in the medical schools in new universities in Uganda and Jamaica, where he also acted as adviser and assessor. He was also a member of the World Health Organisation's panel on cancer. In 1960, with Ian Taylor, he had written the standard textbook, *Principles of Epidemiology*, and for many years he co-edited the *British Journal of Preventive and Social Medicine*.

In 1960 he was appointed Professor of Community Medicine at Sheffield University, and in 1966 he established the publicly funded multidisciplinary Medical Care Research Unit, which still flourishes. He was one of the first to use a randomised clinical trial to establish the cost-effectiveness of a service innovation, early discharge after hernia repair. The 1984 Knowelden report, which he coordinated, established more accurately than hitherto the factors associated with sudden infant deaths. Knowelden also made major contributions to training in public health medicine nationally, and at Sheffield University he was instrumental in the development of the medical school and its establishment next to the Royal Hallamshire Hospital.

He was a modest and kindly man of great integrity, and expected as much of others. He taught that at every level of medical research, practice, nursing and administration, personal integrity and accuracy were fundamental. His reserved manner and taste for understatement often shielded his full intellectual power and the width and depth of his understanding. A friend said of him that you could believe every word he said.

From 1962 to 1989, he served on the bench at Sheffield Magistrates' Court, and he was a senior member of the juvenile panel for more than 20 years. He was appointed CBE in 1983.

An accomplished pianist and a member of the Peak Music Society, he had a great love and knowledge of music. During his retirement he built and played his own harpsichord. He also loved fishing, on the River Derwent.

He was a trustee and secretary of the Wheelhouse Trust, a charity providing sheltered accommodation for the elderly in Scarborough, and he attended to its affairs until the last day before he entered the hospice where he died. He had diagnosed his own cancer many months before his friends knew, and bore his illness with quiet fortitude.

He is survived by his wife, Mary, whom he married in 1946, and his sons, David, a GP in Scarborough, and Anthony, a senior clerk at Sheffield Magistrates' Court.

VICTORIA KAMHI DE RODRIGO

Victoria Kamhi de Rodrigo, pianist and wife of the Spanish composer Joaquin Rodrigo, died on July 21. Her exact date of birth is unknown, but she was born around 1900 in Istanbul.

VICTORIA KAMHI was known in international musical circles as the constant companion to her husband, the blind Spanish composer Joaquin Rodrigo, and as an outstanding musician in her own right, being a pianist and librettist. She was a cousin of Elias Canetti, winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature.

Her grandfather founded a large pharmaceutical company in the Balkans, and her father, based in Istanbul, continued the family business. Victoria played the piano from the age of 3½. Showing signs of exceptional ability, she studied with the Hungarian pianist Geza Heguey, a former pupil of Liszt, giving her first public concert at the age of 10. Her family moved from Istanbul to Vienna and in 1918 to Paris, where she was awarded a diploma by the Paris Conservatory.

In 1924 the Kamhi firm went bankrupt and the family fortune was lost. Around this time a gypsy prophesied that Victoria would marry a man who would be rich and famous, his name beginning with "Jo". In 1929 she was introduced at a Parisian *soirée* to Joaquin Rodrigo, then a struggling young composer, and performed some of his piano pieces.

A difficult and prolonged courtship followed, against opposition from her father. Rodrigo's first proposals of marriage were rebuffed by her family, and he fled to his native Valencia in desolation. Eventually, without family approval, Victoria travelled to Spain to be married there on January 19, 1933.

The early years of marriage were lived in such poverty that at one time Victoria returned to live with her family; but the crisis was temporarily resolved when Rodrigo won the Conde de Cartagena Scholarship in 1935. However this lapsed with the outbreak of the Spanish Civil War, and once more the couple were thrown into penury. After living in Germany for two years, they returned to Paris in 1938. Shortly afterwards, perhaps as a result of their privations, Victoria suffered a miscarriage. With her life in the balance, Rodrigo composed, as a hymn of love and a fervent prayer, the Adagio movement of the *Concierto de Aranjuez*, which was destined to become one of the most famous works of the century.

This was to be the turning point in their lives. Returning to Spain after the Civil War, Rodrigo began the work of restoring the spirit of Iberian musical culture. In 1941 Victoria gave birth to their daughter Cecilia and the *Concierto de Aranjuez* was given its premiere. The piece gradually earned international renown, and Rodrigo's prolific compositions established him as one of the greatest of 20th-century Spanish composers.

From then on Victoria became the eyes and hands of her husband, chronicling his career, helping him to set down and correct his scores, keeping him informed of current events by daily newspaper readings, and accompanying him over the years on his travels to premieres and festivals of his music. She took an active part in some of Rodrigo's compositions, providing the story for his ballet *Pavan real* (1955), appearing with him in recordings of piano music, adapting texts for songs, and featuring in many television programmes.

From her early years she spoke several languages fluently. Her strong and courageous personality combined an innate modesty with a sharp sense of humour. Her book, *Hand in Hand with Joaquin Rodrigo*, was published in 1986.

She is survived by her husband and their daughter.

Victoria and her husband, the blind composer Joaquin Rodrigo, in 1933

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Sarah Adams's Nearer, my God, to Thee, *played by the ship's orchestra of the Titanic as the liner went down, was for long a much-loved hymn, but today is not to be found in all hymnals, whereas the Rev H. F. Lyte's* Abide with Me *is to be found almost everywhere*

"NEARER, MY GOD, TO THEE"

CENTENARY OF A FAMOUS HYMN

From A Correspondent

Few English hymns are more widely known or better loved than the hymn that begins with the prayer, repeated as a refrain at the close of each stanza, "Nearer, my God, to thee." By a strange coincidence the centenary of the death and burial of its authoress, Mrs. Sarah Adams, on August 21, 1848, occurs within a few months of the centenary of the death of Henry Francis Lyte, the author of the yet more beloved and famous "Abide with me."

The facts of Sarah Adams's life can soon be told. Born in 1805 at Harlow, Essex, her maiden name was Flower. Her father, Benjamin Flower, was a journalist and editor of the *Cambridge Intelligencer*. In 1834 she married William Adams, a civil engineer; and in London, where they lived, she became with him a member of the congregation of the Rev. W. J. Fox, a Unitarian minister. A few years later she contributed 13 hymns to a collection of "Hymns and Anthems," which he published in 1841 for use in his chapel, and among these was "Nearer, my God, to thee". Not a prolific writer like Lyte, Mrs. Adams did not produce much besides her hymns: "Vivia Perpetua," a dramatic poem whose heroine suffers martyrdom in the conflict of Christianity with paganism; "The Flock at the Fountain," a book of hymns containing a chatechism for children; and some contributions to Novello's "Songs of the Months." Some of her hymns are still included in Unitarian collections in Britain and America. The bright particular star among them is "Nearer, my God, to thee," the only one now generally known and sung, which holds a secure place in Christian hearts everywhere and has been translated into many languages.

In its original text, the hymn contains five stanzas. The last of these, beginning, "Or if on joyful wing cleaving the sky," is usually omitted from modern hymn-books. Several additional stanzas have been composed and published for doctrinal reasons, not to mention small verbal alterations, some good and some bad. Bishop Walsham How, himself the author of splendid hymns, very unsuccessfully para-phrased it to express "more definitely Christian faith." These additional stanzas lack the spontaneous devotion of the original hymn and are obviously written to order. A work of high poetic art has surely an artistic copyright not to be mutilated, paraphrased, or elongated by other hands.

Many famous hymns, like "Nearer, my God, to thee," are associated with unfading memories, personal or historical. In the tragic story of the loss of the Titanic on its maiden voyage, subsequently told by survivors, nothing was more moving than the fact, to which many bore witness, that as the great vessel was slowly sinking the ship's orchestra played the familiar tune of this hymn, and not a few passengers joined in singing it. As an authentic cry to God inspired by sense of personal need it is not difficult to understand how naturally it must have expressed the feelings of men and women suddenly faced with death in the Atlantic waters.

Big Brother plan for safer air travel

By Harvey Elliott

A DRIVE to halve the number of air accidents is to be launched by the International Air Transport Association. Fears about safety are growing as demand for air travel increases and new airlines are encouraged to start up.

Experts are worried that many of the new small airlines — especially from developing countries — will buy old jets sold off by the bigger airlines modernising their fleets, without the technical expertise to maintain them properly.

Now lata is recommending that big international airlines should work closely with their small, less experienced rivals, acting as "buddies", to help them to install, monitor and run safety equipment and procedures. The proposals follow a recent spate of air crashes including that of a Korean Air 747 on the Pacific island of Guam with the loss of 227 lives earlier this month.

Pierre Jeanniot, the Director-General of lata, wants more than 200 members of the association to introduce the proposals as a matter of urgency. "I am never happy with air safety. It can always be improved," he says.

However, some aviation industry experts are questioning the move, which, they claim, would mean greater bureaucracy and would inevitably lead to smaller airlines, especially in the Third World, demanding more money to provide the additional safety services.

"The ideal mentor is one which has common experiences with the organisation being monitored. Thus the best airline to help a small South American airline with safety concerns should be another small South American airline which is doing better," says *Flight International* magazine.

According to lata, at the end of last year there were 11,711 Western-built jet aircraft in commercial service. They were operated by 650 airlines, made 18 million take-offs and flew 30 million hours. Out of all these, there were 19 accidents, 12 involving deaths. The fatal crashes killed 1,189 passengers and 97 crew compared with only 383 and 39 crew in 1995.

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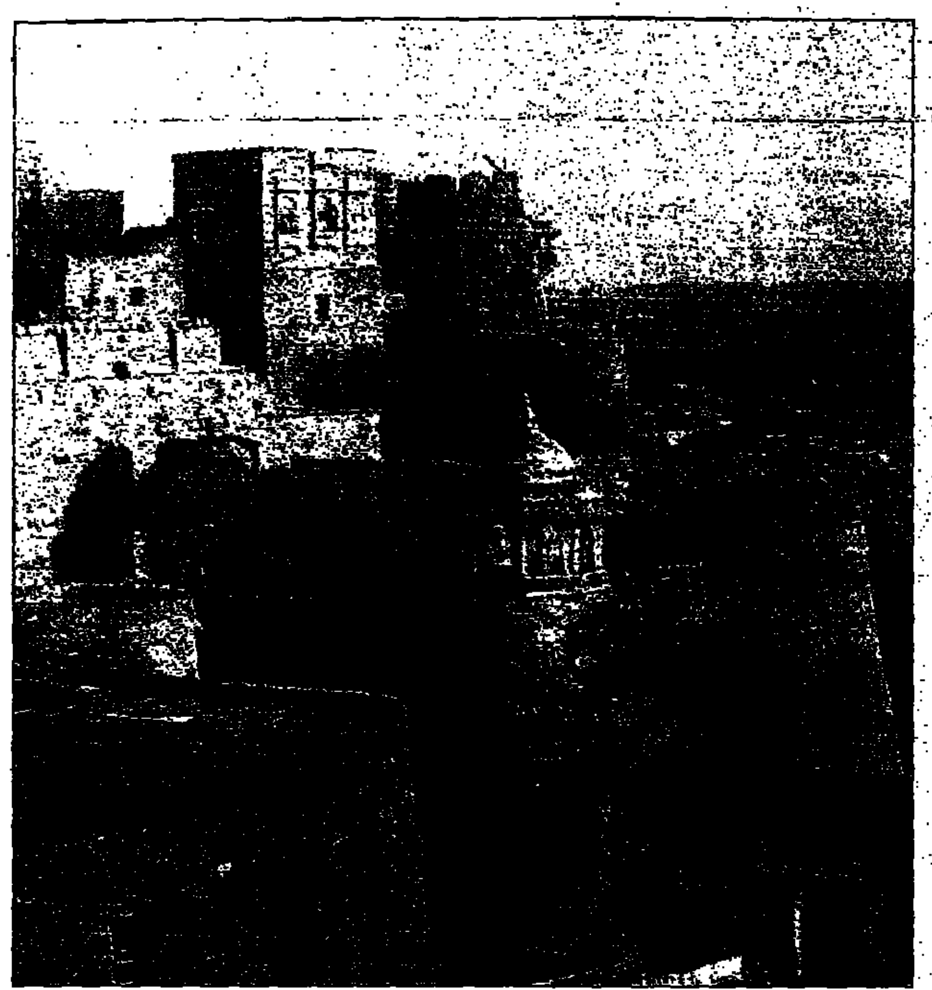
Tourism to Rajasthan, India's most popular destination, has been hit by price rises

Indian summers given overhaul

By Catherine Chetwynd

SWINGEING tax rises on luxury hotels combined with a sharp increase in air fares and a doubling of the cost of a visa is threatening the predicted boom in India's tourist trade. In the wake of India's 50th anniversary of independence this month, tourism chiefs had hoped for a big leap in the number of foreign visitors.

But Bombay has already become the world's most expensive city for business travellers, with Delhi second, after tax rises forced up the price of a luxury hotel room by as much as 20 per cent in several states, including the most popular, Rajasthan.

This, combined with a rise in air fares, has resulted in a distinct cooling of interest in India. A doubling in visa prices from £13 for a three-month visa to £26 for a six-month one has also added to the cost.

In an attempt to avoid putting up prices overall, tour operators have renegotiated hotel rates and reprinted brochures with shorter or cheaper sightseeing trips.

"We renegotiated everything," says Philip Grierson of Cox & Kings. "As a result, we have managed to bring down prices overall by around 12 per cent."

Paul Artitzoni, Hayes and Jarvis product manager, feels prices will come down again. "Corporate traffic to India has fallen recently," he says. "So retailers are now keen to negotiate."

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ANY CHANGE FOR HOTEL BUS...

Protests over new hotel bus service

By Harvey Elliott

ELEVEN hotels near Heathrow airport have rejected pleas to stop charging guests for coach journeys to and from all four flight terminals.

The hotels scrapped their individual courtesy bus services nearly two months ago amid protests from business travellers, travel agents and even the airport operator BAA. They were replaced by the Hotel Hoppa Service, which now charges a flat rate for airport coach journeys and links several hotels in one circular service.

The Heathrow Hoteliers Association this week turned a deaf ear to the complaints and insisted that the charges — £2 for a single journey and £3.50 for a return — would remain in force.

Heinz Volland, the chairman of HHA, says: "We do not make any profit from the charges. Instead of each hotel having its own small coach, all clogging up the roads and operating at the same time, there is now just one service provided by Speedlink with timetables structured to ensure that no one has to wait for more than 15 minutes."

But the Guild of Business Travel Agents is still fighting the decision which it says is "another exploitation of the frequent business traveller". "The amount may be small in itself but the point is that it's a cost where there was none before," says Tony Hughes, the chairman of the GBTA.

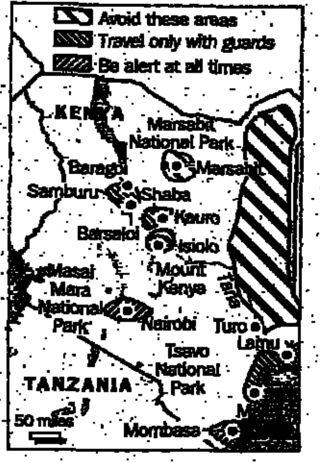
BAA says it has "expressed concern" at the charges and asked the association to reconsider.

Paula Batten, the general manager of hotels for the Carlson Wagonlit Travel chain of agencies, said that the last thing a business traveller needed was to search for loose change on arrival at Heathrow. "Travellers are being caught out, as some queue for the bus without having pre-purchased their sterling and others save insufficient change for their return journey and departure tax."

Foreign Office issues warning to British travellers about 'indiscriminate' violence in Mombasa

Tourists cancel trips in fear of Kenya unrest

By Tony Dawe



WORRIED British tourists are cancelling holidays to Kenya and switching to other countries after tough warnings from the Foreign Office this week about unrest in the African state.

Thomson, the leading tour operator, said yesterday that 14 holidaymakers, who had planned to fly from Manchester to Mombasa on Tuesday night had cancelled their trips while Kuoni said it is offering clients flying to Kenya in the next week the opportunity to cancel at no cost.

Somak Holidays said that it had delayed a return flight to Manchester from Mombasa yesterday so that all passengers could travel to the airport in daylight.

The Foreign Office has warned against travelling after dark even though the violence, which has claimed at least 33 lives in the Mombasa area in the past week, has not yet been directed at tourists. Officials say that violence "could become indiscriminate at very short notice" and advise travellers to be "particularly vigilant and keep in close touch with their tour operators, hotels and local authorities".

A series of attacks last month and newspaper and television pictures of a bishop injured when government troops stormed a church where people had taken refuge failed to deter holidaymakers. However, the violence in the Mombasa area, where thousands head for beach holidays, has caused greater concern.

This week's warning advises that muggings and armed attacks can occur anywhere and at any time, particularly in Nairobi and Mombasa, and adds that armed car hijackings are prevalent in the two cities.

The Foreign Office is advising tourists to avoid some districts altogether, including the northeastern province, the Tana River district and the Marsabit national reserve and Isiolo region in the north of the country. Those heading for the Samburu and Shaba game reserves or using the road between the coastal resorts of Malindi and Lamu, in the north, are advised to travel with armed guards.

The most popular regions for safaris, including the Masai Mara, Amboseli and Tsavo national parks in the south of the country, have not been affected by the violence, which appears to have been triggered by the impending general election.

A Thomson spokeswoman said yesterday: "We are notifying holidaymakers who are about to travel of the latest situation, giving them a copy of the Foreign Office advice and allowing them to make an informed decision about whether to continue with their plans. Those who cancel are being offered their money back, but the majority are going ahead with their holidays."

At Kuoni, a spokeswoman said: "We are offering clients travelling this week and next the opportunity to cancel at no cost or change to a different holiday if they wish. Those already in Mombasa have been updated with the latest information but no one has asked to move and the situation seems to be getting quieter."

Ash Sofat, the managing director of Somak Holidays, which flies 32,000 British tourists to Kenya every year, said: "We are exercising caution and following Foreign Office advice by arranging transfers to and from the airport in daylight and warning travellers about wandering around after dark or wearing excessive jewellery.

"As a precautionary measure, we have stopped operating coach tours in the Mombasa area but the safaris we organise have not been affected. We have had a few people travelling in the next week or so wanting to cancel or switch destinations and have been able to offer beach holidays in Zanzibar and the Seychelles and safaris in Tanzania as alternatives."

British Airways Holidays said it was in constant contact with the Foreign Office but is continuing to operate tours and excursions as usual because they do not go near the affected areas.

The violence is certain to damage Kenya's tourist industry, which has been attracting an increasing number of visitors. To avoid overcrowding in the most popular beach and safari areas, tourism officials have been planning to make remoter game reserves and beaches more accessible but some are in areas that tourists are now advised to avoid.

Kenyan riot police apprehend a looter in Nairobi, which has been affected by violent protests

HARVEY ELLIOTT

Waving the flag and proud of it

Do we want more tourists to come to Britain? In the past few stifling weeks when backpackers have made Tube travel in London a hazard, when elderly coaches from Eastern Europe have spewed out black exhaust and when hordes of Japanese and Americans have swamped heritage sites throughout the country, it would be easy to say "No".

But, of course, we do need these guests to balance the economic losses caused by the millions of Britons now on holiday abroad. Given that we need to attract more visitors it was necessary that some professional research be carried out to discover what these foreigners expect to find and what attracts them.

The British Tourist Authority (BTA) set out to do just that 18 months ago. Its research has resulted in a small publication called *Living Britain — a guide to understanding the characteristics of the geographic brands of Britain, London, Scotland, England and Wales.*

It contained some pretty odd conclusions — that travel is driven by "hedonism, adventure and Zen" — as well as some of numbing, self-evident clichés. The report was sent to designers with instructions to use it as a blueprint to create a logo which could be used on BTA notepaper and advertising throughout the world.

At the moment a very simple bold title, "Britain", surmounted by a wavy Union Flag is used. This is not an image most Britons ever see, appearing only in travel offices abroad. But when a middle-ranking BTA official made an unguarded remark which was interpreted — wrongly — as meaning that the flag was to be dropped altogether by the BTA, the reaction was immediate and extreme.

David Quarmby, the chairman of the BTA, was forced to give a formal written assurance that the flag would still be in the logo but of a different design and more stylised to reflect the modern image of Britain.

His protestations were either ignored by those who had set the hare running, or simply not believed. Callers jammed the switchboard of the BTA headquarters to protest. "I've never taken so many calls from people who began by saying: 'I fought in the war you know . . .'," said one bemused employee. It was akin to the reaction of shareholders to the new designs on the tailfins of BA's aircraft. Outrage.

We will have to wait until September 22 to see what the new design really does contain. But I am assured by everyone who has seen it that the flag is there.

The booklet is odd, however. "Geographical brands are only part of the story," it muses. "Activities and events are also essential parts of any visit, satisfying one or other or a multiple of hedonism, adventure and Zen."

Britain is "an island of contrasts", Scotland "a land of fire and stone", Wales "a land of nature and legend" and England "tea in a quaint country village, cricket on a village green . . .", etc. Ghastly.

"We must remember that Britain is not just Beefeaters and the Tower of London and it is important that we reflect all that is contemporary, stylish and inventive too," Mr Quarmby says.

Who can argue with that?

> Of course we need to attract the tourists, but please spare us the clichés

ACCOUNTANCY

Policing Internet information

The quality and accuracy of financial disclosures are open to question, say

James Gulliford and Roger Hussey

The emergence of the World Wide Web as a medium for business communication raises issues concerning the regulation of corporate financial reporting. Companies such as Asda, BP and BT are making full disclosures on the Web, mirroring their published annual report and accounts.

Some companies also disclose quarterly (unaudited statements) and others, such as BOC, have published unaudited preliminary statements. Others are providing financial highlights, summary statements and other excerpts and reports. The quality and the accuracy of disclosures are open to question.

Web sites are frequently laid out in a style similar to the *published financial statements*, with some companies simply scanning in from the hard copy. Other companies may choose to rekey the data to create the Internet version, which has the potential for introducing errors. In recognition of this risk, BG, among others, has appended a note alerting readers that there might be errors and omissions.

The possibility of innocent error is, however, only a minor problem. Because of the lack of regulation, companies can disseminate information that falls short of giving a "true and fair" view. Particular paragraphs from the full report and accounts can be omitted, giving the reader an unbalanced perception of the company's state of affairs. Equally dangerous, additional paragraphs, not in the published statements and, hence, not audited, can be included. To our knowledge, few auditors are consulted on the financial disclosures a company makes on the Web.

Another problem, with potentially dramatic implications, is the ability to easily imitate corporate Web sites. In cloning a corporate Web site, a rogue could amend the accounts with great ease. A similar hazard is the risk of hackers gaining access to a company's own server and modifying the contents of the Web site.

Although it is impossible to regulate all corporate financial disclosures on the Web, some measures should be taken to protect the interests of investors and other users and the reputation and well-being of the company itself. This is not likely to be easy and Internet regulation, in general, has proved to be a contentious and thorny issue. Governments have sought to control what information is put on and downloaded from the Internet, within their jurisdiction. However, the Internet spans global boundaries and no one organisation has responsibility.

As corporate Internet usage grows, regulators and other parties must work together to form a strategy to tackle the financial reporting challenges. Organisations such as the Accounting Standards Board, the Department of Trade and Industry and the London Stock Exchange need to consider how to ensure investor protection. It may be that, as we strive towards international harmonisation, there is a significant role for the International Accounting Standards Committee. Our suggestions, however, are in the UK context.

One solution could be a compulsory filing system for financial statements on a government-controlled Web server. This could be brought into line with the procedures, regulations and penalties now used by Companies House. This one controlled server could be the single source of reliable UK company financial reporting information, and, as such, the material contained on it would be wholly audited and intact.

Another answer would be for a Web audit to be conducted, either by a watchdog agency or, more probably, by the company's appointed auditor on a spot check basis. This approach would provide some comfort to companies and investors that an effort was being made to ensure the security and integrity of the data being broadcast.

The third possibility is that no action will be attempted until the position becomes so untenable that intervention must be implemented. This would involve attempting to change practices that have become firmly established and reacting to scandals that need never have occurred.

The Web offers considerable opportunities in the rapid, convenient and widespread dissemination of financial information by companies. A number of organisations are aware of the issues and are monitoring developments. But now is the time for someone to grasp the initiative to exploit the potential of the Internet for corporate communications and to ensure the integrity and security of the data broadcast.

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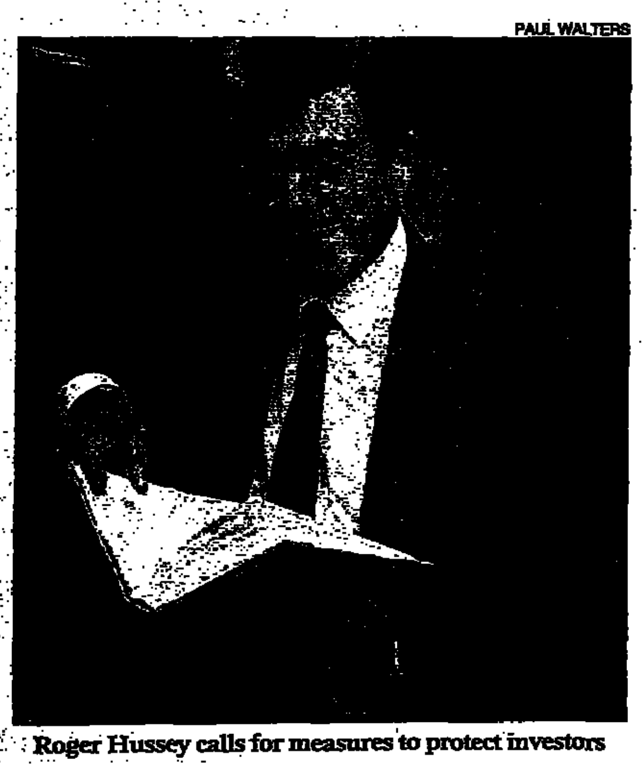

Roger Hussey calls for measures to protect investors

BUSINESS

ICA gets het up over etiquette

NEVER let it be said that the English ICA lacks a strong hold on its priorities. Last week, as the rest of the accountancy world talked of Hampel, tax regulation and derivatives and mergers, it sent more than 100 staff a stiff note on . . . etiquette. A message from the secretary of Andrew Colquhoun, the chief executive, said: "If members of the staff are unsure how to address and start and finish letters to people with titles other than Mr, Mrs or Ms, please consult the Executive Office or consult *Debrett's Correct Form.*" This rings alarm bells. The vice-president is, of course, Sheila Masters — a Dame. The staff read on: "There have been two recent occasions when letters to Dame Sheila Masters have started 'Dear Dame Masters' instead of 'Dear Dame Sheila'," it said. "One we managed to intercept, but the other reached Dame Sheila, which provoked a sharp rebuke to Andrew Colquhoun." The poor fellow probably deserves a knighthood.

Football coup

DELOITTE & Touche managed a marketing coup with its sixth annual review of football finance. Press coverage of what used to be an arcane accounting topic has been extraordinary and the partner involved, Gerry Boon, is over the moon in spite of being an Oldham Athletic supporter. And the football audit market is also hotting up. Deloitte claims some big names in its locker room. It audits Spurs, AC Milan, Barcelona and, as you might expect, Oldham Athletic, among others. But its survey fails to reveal the accounting firm with the blue-chip clients — step forward Grant Thornton, auditor to Manchester United and Glasgow Rangers.

TOMORROW The Times *will publish The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants' June 1997 examination results. These will be followed on Saturday by The Institute of Chartered Accountants' July 1997 Final results. Copies of both days'* Times *will be available at London mainline stations from 10pm the evening before publication.*

ROBERT BRUCE

Man who walked and talked the job

THERE is less room in the business arena these days for the evangelist. And by evangelist I mean someone who believes, with a passion and understanding, in trying to bring about change that will improve the way business is done. John Garnett, who died last week, was such a person. He was Director of the Industrial Society from 1962 until 1986 and was responsible for creating an environment in which vigorous ideas to bring about change that could benefit everyone in the industrial and business world could flourish.

In many ways his work predated and made possible the philosophy behind the sort of cultural change programmes that are now increasingly commonplace. I met Garnett when I edited *Accountancy Age*. *Accountancy Age* and the society sponsored awards for simplified financial reporting, an initiative that grew out of the need for simpler and comprehensible reporting of financial results to employees. The awards programme ran for some 14 years. For Garnett, it was a small part of his work. But the basics were there. What he believed in was the importance of leadership and communication within business units. Only when that was working could the whole business realise its full potential and that of all the individuals that made it up.

In his early days at ICI he had been sent to the first of the Duke of Edinburgh's study conferences, the great postwar gatherings that brought together the brightest and best young managers across industry and commerce to discuss common problems and see how other businesses worked. It was the start of a belief that to do your own job well you needed to understand its context and how the whole of the business worked. He used to talk of his early days at ICI in Glasgow. "I can see now the opening of Imperial Chemical House, Sydney, Australia," he used to recall. "In our own office we had a picture of this great big building five blocks from the Sydney Opera House and we really did know, in Bothwell Street, Glasgow, what ICI was doing in Australia, but what we could never discover was what ICI was doing in Bothwell Street, Glasgow . . ."

He was a great advocate of "walking the job" to find out. And one of the most useful of the initiatives that the Industrial Society worked tirelessly was to advocate and introduce was the idea of team briefing. But his great value was that he believed in what he was doing and was an evangelist in getting across his ideas. His talks, speeches and presentations were all pretty much the same material. But you left them understanding how important the simple process of leadership and communication was and understanding the energy and dynamism needed to bring them about.

In 1975, referring to one of his leadership initiatives, he said: "Some of the older generation will look on this approach to leadership as a blinding glimpse of common sense, but much goes wrong today because a new generation has never been taught these simple points of leadership action."

It was a question of taking time to talk of how business worked, to enable ideas to be understood, and for people's own potential to be allowed to grow. These days it is harder to take time. There is no less time at hand. It is simply that such concepts are not given the priority and time that they deserve. Businesses are perceived to be tightly competitive. The advantages are at the extreme margins. Refining technical skills gives one the chance to push a margin slightly wider and so open up a tiny competitive advantage. It is to this that business devotes its time.

It is the same with the motivation behind efforts to expand communication. In the days of the simplified reporting awards, the idea of explaining complex accounting and financial reporting issues to the workforce was seen as something that would create wide and lasting benefits. The motivation behind today's desire to bring summarised financial reporting to the masses is simply that it would bring down the postage bill.

That is also why current initiatives, such as the Hampel Committee on Corporate Governance, are so dispiriting. The impression given is not one of creating change that will enhance business but instead of an exercise aimed at getting away with the minimum possible to assuage the critics.

Garnett recognised one simple concept early in his career. He defined it as the need that people have "to give". And that was the basis for his work. "How to make people give" should be the basis for any business strategy. But people need time to achieve that. And managers no longer believe in giving anyone such time.

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NEWS

RAF checks UN tour expenses

■ Up to six RAF officers are facing courts martial after an *investigation by air force police into alleged expenses violations* by airmen serving in Italy as part of the Bosnian operation.

The officers, mostly squadron leaders, the equivalent of *major in the Army*, will face charges *next month when the six*-month inquiry has been completed. A number of other officers are to be disciplined .... **Page 1**

Tory widow comforts Labour MP

■ The widow of a Tory MP who committed suicide has come to the aid of Robert Wareing, a Labour MP who was so upset by his suspension from the party that he described himself as being *suicidal* and *asked for an urgent meeting* with Nick Brown, the Chief Whip. Instead, salt was rubbed into the wound when a junior whip told him he was suspended **Page 1**

Troops foil coup

British troops took unprecedented action to foil a possible coup against Biljana Plavsic, the Republika Srpska president. They took control of all police stations in Banja Luka and seized weapons and explosives .... **Page 1**

Sales boom

High Street sales rose by 6.5 per cent in the year to the end of July, *the fastest rate since mid*-1988, fuelled by building society *windfalls* .... **Page 1**

Young scourge

Danny May, 11, who has signed up *with the Professional* Bowls Association, is to challenge the image of crown bowls as the exclusive preserve of more senior sportsmen .... **Page 1**

NHS winter plan

Ministers will today announce measures to head off a crisis in the health service this winter and curb waiting lists .... **Page 2**

One man's weeds

Residents of Meadow End, who tend manicured lawns, claimed victory *when a* court ordered their neighbour to mow his overgrown weeds claimed to be a haven for wildlife .... **Page 3**

Province calm

The IRA ceasefire, a month old, has given Northern Ireland probably its most peaceful four weeks since the present Troubles began 29 years ago .... **Page 4**

Modern studies

More GCSE students are taking exams in business studies, computing and drama, while interest in traditional subjects such as the sciences, geography and history have slumped .... **Page 6**

Fatal dive

A boy, 15, died after diving into the sea from cliffs along the South Tyneside coast. The *new* craze began *during the hot weather*. He is believed to have hit underwater rocks .... **Page 7**

Islamic coalition

Yassir Arafat sought out militant *Islamic groups Hamas and Is*lamic Jihad to forge a common front against Israel .... **Page 9**

Singapore attacked

Ben Jeyaretnam, Singapore's veteran opposition leader, accused its leaders of trying to drive him out of parliament by pursuing several libel cases against him .... **Page 12**

Italian outrage

Italians were outraged after vandals damaged a 16th-century Bernini *fountain in Rome; leading to* calls to deploy the army to protect statues and fountains .... **Page 11**

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Hundreds of Montserratians marched on the offices of British Governor Frank Savage, demanding to know details of an evacuation plan and compensation payments .... **Page 13**

Lucky Strike revs up for Formula One

■ British American Tobacco is planning to spend up to £250 million on buying a Formula One team to challenge the *Government's proposed* ban *on* tobacco *sponsorship* of sport. BAT is keen to promote Lucky Strike — one of the biggest selling brands in the Third World. A team carrying this name could escape the sponsorship ban in this country .... **Page 1**

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Farmers meet at the Priddy Sheep Fair in Somerset. The event, in its 650th year, began as a funfair where gypsies used to trade horses

BUSINESS

Economy: Retail sales surged again in July, although the rate of growth has slowed down since the *boom month of June* .... **Page 23**

White elephant: Point West, one of the largest white elephants left by the 1980s property boom collapse, is to be completed a decade later. *First plans emerged to turn the* former West London air terminal into *flats* .... **Page 23**

Electricity: A threatened rebellion by electricity suppliers has forced the regulator to scale down planned price cuts .... **Page 23**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index rose 44.2 points to close at 4958.4. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 102.6 to 102.5 after a fall from $1.6058 to $1.5924 but a rise from DM2.9487 to DM2.9563 ... **Page 26**

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Rugby union: Jack Rowell is to resign as England coach when his contract expires at the end of the *month* .... **Page 44**

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Swimming: Britain won the gold medal in the men's 4x200 freestyle relay at the European championships. Michelle Smith won her second gold in the 200 metres freestyle .... **Page 42**

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Unshaw thing: Despite a fine set, occasionally funny dialogue and good performances in Chichester, Benedict Nightingale says *Misalliance* remains Shaw at his most *resistible* .... **Page 32**

Festival fare: In Edinburgh the San Francisco Ballet celebrates its *first British* visit *for two* decades with a Balanchine double bill, but *while the dances are superb, the* dancing lacks sparkle. Plus the pick of the classical concerts, the Fringe theatre and the comedy acts —including the shortlist for the Perrier awards .... **Page 33**

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Bus protest: Eleven hotels near Heathrow have rejected pleas to stop charging guests for coach journeys to and from all four flight terminals .... **Pages 20, 21**

Off the shelf: Lesley Chamberlain on what makes an extraordinary mind; David Dabydeen on Fred D'Aguiar's *narrative* of a slave ship .... **Pages 34, 35**

The United Parcel Service strike's *most lasting benefit might well be* in persuading corporate employers that the public judges them by the treatment of their lower paid and most vulnerable workers

— *The New York Times*

TV LISTINGS

Preview: *Leviathan*, a series that looks into the past to throw light on the present, is the latest radio programme to come to television (BBC2, 7.30pm). **Review:** Joe Joseph is underwhelmed by Oasis and *Right Here Right Now*, the "documentary" plugging their fourth album .... **Pages 42, 43**

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Arafat's two faces

Yassir Arafat's *embrace* of Hamas and Islamic Jihad in a "unity meeting" will harden Israel against concessions. But it remains in Israel's interest to lower the Palestinian misery index .... **Page 17**

Boomers and busters

By 2021, a third of the electorate will be retired. If they manage to capture the political agenda it could be *today's toddlers* who will bear the biggest burden of all ... **Page 17**

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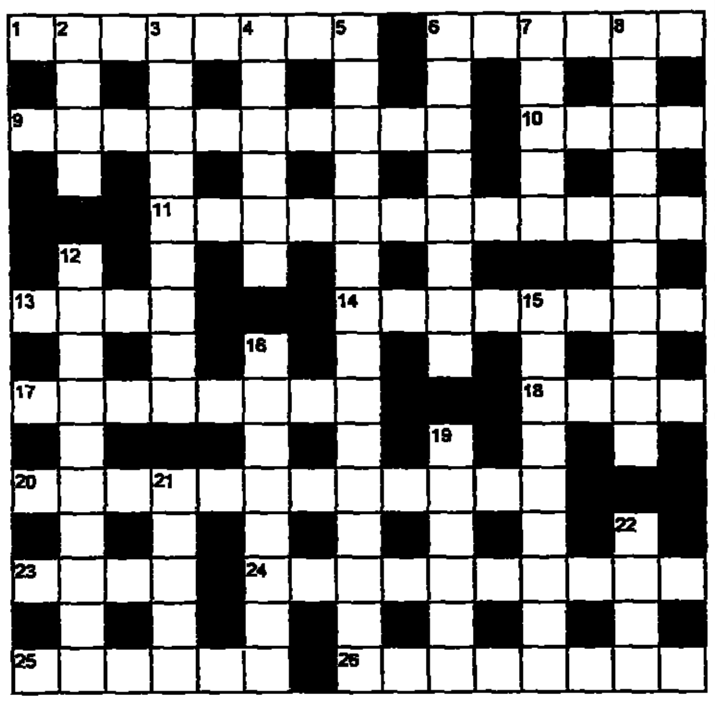

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1 Blitzed Londoners initially defiant, blown up (8).
6 To make fools do it is wrong (6).
9 Rides here – just the place for it (10).
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13 Second part of short tale heard (4).
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17 One who attends courses, often hoping for better luck (8).
18 Surrounded, turning back, oddly (4).
20 Scene of dramatic events that had spectators in tears, it is said (12).
23 A dish from the fish-pond (4).
24 Whimsically humorous man taken in by heartless girl (10).
25 She is a peeress in Gilbert & Sullivan (6).
26 Humiliated – indeed, you might say, abject (8).

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2 Japanese drama about a conservationist (4).
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6 Manufacturing enterprise showing diligence (8).
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8 Travel round by rail – here today and gone tomorrow (10).
12 Old car, for example, disposed of for another cycle (5,5).
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Sun rises:	Sun sets:
5.56 am	8.11 pm
Moon sets	Moon rises
9.48 am	9.44 pm

Last quarter August 25
London 9.11 pm to 5.57 am
Bristol 8.20 pm to 6.07 am
Edinburgh 8.35 pm to 5.53 am
Manchester 8.24 pm to 6.00 am
Penzance 8.29 pm to 6.22 am

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** light rain in W Scotland and *the whole of Ireland but bright later. After* a fine start it will be cloud in E Scotland, N England, Wales and SW England with showery outbreaks, possibly thundery.

Central, S and SE England will have another very warm day and the risk of a thunderstorm. Tonight cloud and a few specks of *rain* will move SE across England and Wales, but it will be dry with slightly fresher *air* in N and W.

☐ **London, SE & E England, E Anglia, E Midlands:** very warm with hazy *sunshine, possible thundery shower.* Light southerly wind. Max 28C (82F).

☐ **Cent S & N, NE England, W Midlands, Channel Isles:** warm sunshine, but cloud later with risk of showers. Light southwest wind *Max* 25C (77F).

☐ **SW & NW England, S & N Wales, Lake Dist:** early sun, showers possible *later. Light SW wind. Max 24C (75F).*

☐ **Isle of Man, SW, NE Scotland, Glasgow, Cent Highlands, Argyll:** cloudy with specks of rain, but brighter later. Brisk S/SW wind. Max 22C (72F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth:** warm sun*shine, then cloudier with spots of rain,* brighter again by evening. Brisk S breeze. Max 23C (73F).

☐ **NW Scotland, N Ireland, Republic of Ireland:** drizzle at first, brighter later. *Light to fresh SW wind. Max 21C (70F).*

☐ **Orkney, Shetland:** cloudy, brighter later. Brisk SW wind *Max* 19C (66F).

☐ **Outlook:** tomorrow will be cloudy and humid in SE England but comfortably warm elsewhere. Rain in NW on Saturday: dry with sunny spells elsewhere.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm. b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	0.2	0.01	19	66	du	Isle of Wight	10.9	-	23	73	s
Anglesey	12.9	-	26	79	s	Jersey	2.3	0.01	26	79	b
Aspatria	10.7	-	27	81	s	Leeds	7.3	-	28	82	s
Aviemore	9.0	-	25	77	fg	Lerwick	2.4	-	17	63	fg
Belfast	11.9	-	25	77	s	Leuchars	4.0	0.01	20	68	c
Birmingham	11.1	-	31	88	s	London	10.0	-	30	86	s
Bognor R	11.8	-	27	81	s	Lowestoft	6.6	-	21	70	s
Bournem'th	10.9	-	24	75	s	Manchester	10.3	-	29	84	s
Bristol	1.3	-	29	84	f	Margate	8.5	-	25	77	s
Buxton	9.0	-	26	79	s	Minehead	5.4	0.01	27	81	b
Cardiff	7.4	-	26	79	b	Morecambe	12.4	-	29	84	s
Clacton	12.4	0.01	21	70	s	Newcastle	5.0	0.01	21	70	b
Cleethorpes	4.6	0.01	20	68	s	Norwich	9.2	0.01	27	81	s
Colwyn Bay	9.9	0.01	30	86	s	Oxford	6.6	-	2984		
Cromer	4.4	0.01	20	68	b	Penzance	X	0.02	22	72	du
Dunbar	7.6	-	21	70	s	Poole	10.9	-	26	79	s
Eastbourne	12.4	-	24	75	s	Ross-o-wye	11.2	-	29	84	s
Edinburgh	6.2	0.01	23	73	s	Scarboro	-	0.01	17	63	fg
Eskdalemuir	11.3	-	26	79	s	Skegness	4.5	-	19	66	b
Exmouth	5.0	0.01	22	72	s	Southend	9.7	-	25	77	s
Falmouth	6.5	0.03	23	73	b	Southport	12.3	-	29	84	s
Folkestone	11.4	-	27	81	s	Stornoway	12.8	-	23	73	s
Glasgow	6.9	-	28	82	c	Swanage	9.1	-	22	72	s
Guernsey	3.1	0.01	24	75	c	Tenby	7.9	-	23	73	b
Hastings	12.2	-	27	81	s	Tiree	10.5	0.01	21	70	sh
Hayling I.	11.4	-	24	75	s	Torquay	5.6	0.02	24	75	s
Herne Bay	10.2	-	27	81	s	West-s-mare	6.8	-	29	84	b
Hove	10.5	-	26	79	s	Weymouth	2.1	0.01	22	72	s
Hunstanton	9.9	-	23	73	s						
Isle of Man	12.1	-	23	73	s						

These are Tuesday's readings.

ABROAD

Ajaccio	28	82	s	C'phagn	27	81	s	Malta	29	84	s	Salzburg	24	75	s
Akrotiri	29	84	s	Dublin	19	66	r	Melb'rne	13	55	f	Santiago	11	52	f
Alex'dria	30	86	f	Dubrovnik	26	79	s	Mexico C	X			Seoul	28	82	r
Algiers	30	86	s	Faro	27	81	s	Miami	33	91	s	Sing'por	32	90	f
Amst'dm	27	81	s	Florence	29	84	f	Milan	28	82	f	St'kholm	27	81	s
Athens	30	86	s	Frankfurt	23	73	f	Montreal	22	72	s	Strasb'rg	27	81	s
B Aires	16	61	f	Funchal	24	75	f	Moscow	17	63	s	Sydney	15	59	s
Bahrain	35	95	s	Geneva	25	77	s	Munich	24	75	s	Tangier	25	77	s
Bangkok	33	91	f	Gibraltar	26	79	s	N Delhi	29	84	f	Tel Aviv	30	86	f
Barbados	29	84	f	Helsinki	24	75	s	N York	23	73	s	Tenerife	28	82	s
Barcelona	30	86	s	Hong K	31	88	s	Nairobi	26	79	f	Tokyo	29	84	s
Beirut	30	86	f	Innsbrck	24	75	s	Naples	29	84	f	Toronto	22	72	s
Belgrade	25	77	f	Istanbul	25	77	f	Nice	27	81	s	Tunis	32	90	f
Berlin	27	81	f	Jeddah	37	99	s	Oslo	24	75	s	Valencia	30	86	s
Bermuda	29	84	f	Jo'burg	21	70	s	Paris	29	84	s	Vanc'ver	19	66	s
Biarritz	27	81	s	L Angels	31	88	s	Peking	31	88	s	Venice	26	79	f
Borde'x	29	84	f	L Palmas	26	79	s	Perth	18	64	f	Vienna	24	75	f
Brussels	27	81	s	Le Touqt	27	81	f	Prague	18	64	c	Warsaw	23	73	s
Budapst	27	81	s	Lisbon	27	81	s	Reykjavik	13	55	c	Wash'ton	22	72	f
Cairo	32	90	s	Locarno	25	77	s	Rhodes	29	84	s	Wel'ngton	12	54	X
Cape Tn	15	59	c	Luxembg	27	81	s	Rio de J	31	88	s	Zurich	25	77	s
Ch'church	13	55	x	Luxor	37	99	s	Riyadh	39	102	s				
Chicago	21	70	f	Madrid	32	90	s	Rome	28	82	f				
Cologne	26	79	f	Majorca	30	86	s	S Fr'isco	19	66	s				
Corfu	29	84	s	Malaga	27	81	s	S Paulo	21	70	s				

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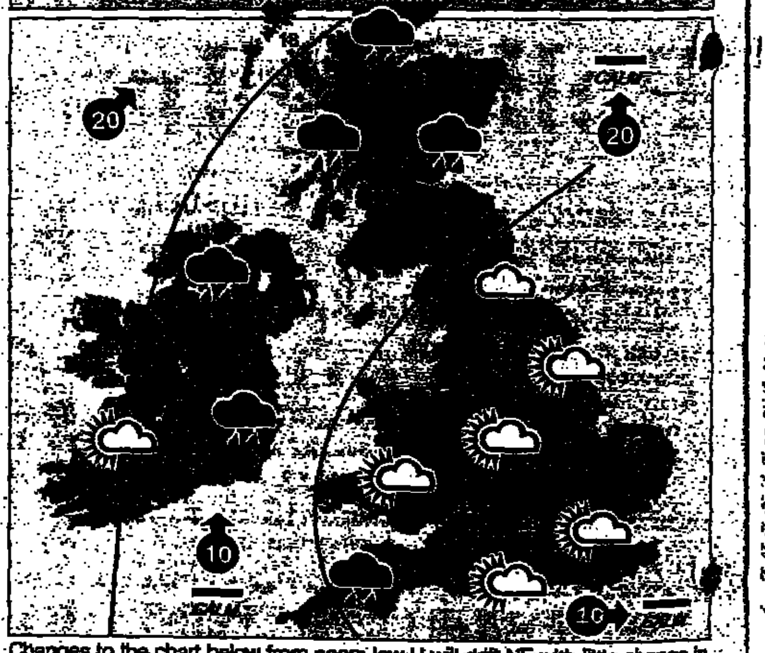

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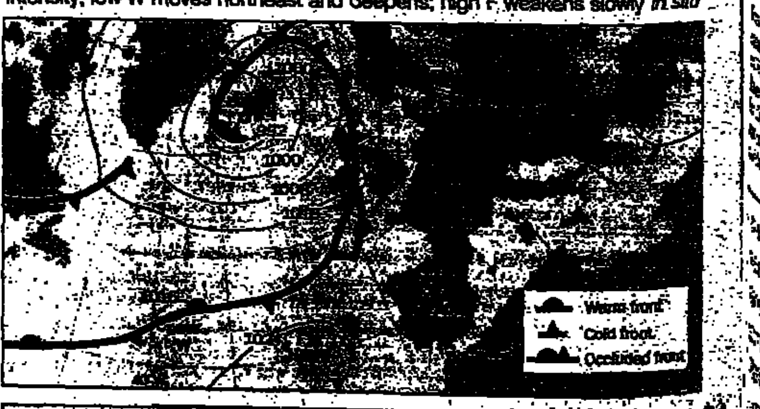

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Aberdeen	03.49	4.7	16.28	4.5	Liverpool	01.44	10.3	14.08	9.8
Avonmouth	10.06	14.1	22.27	14.3	Lowestoft	00.02	2.6	12.02	2.8
Belfast	01.27	3.8	13.59	3.5	Margate	02.46	5.0	14.54	5.0
Cardiff	09.52	13.0	22.13	13.2	Milford Haven	09.03	7.4	21.26	7.5
Devonport	08.36	5.7	20.56	5.8	Newquay	07.55	7.4	20.16	7.5
Dover	01.31	7.0	13.54	7.1	Oban	08.27	4.2	20.55	4.3
Dublin (N Wall)	01.57	4.8	14.32	4.3	Penzance	07.24	5.7	19.46	5.9
Falmouth	08.07	5.5	20.27	5.7	Portland	10.09	2.2	22.16	2.3
Greenock	03.14	3.6	15.41	3.8	Portsmouth	01.49	4.9	14.14	4.9
Harwich	02.30	4.4	14.45	4.4	Shoreham	01.46	6.6	14.17	6.6
Holyhead	00.42	6.2	13.11	5.8	Southampton	01.12	4.5	13.40	4.5
Hull (Albert D)	08.51	9.6	21.26	9.1	Swansea	09.09	10.2	21.29	10.5
Ilfracombe	08.46	9.8	21.12	9.9	Tees	06.16	5.5	18.51	5.6
King's Lynn	09.01	7.6	21.41	7.1	Walton-on-N	02.22	3.8	14.56	4.6

All times BST. Heights in metres.

Tuesday: Highest day temp: Heathrow 31C (88F); lowest day max: Fair Isle 16C (61F); highest rainfall: Wittering, Cambridgeshire, 0.35in; highest sunshine: Anglesey 12.9hr

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